

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2116

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the Secretary of State)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 54-05.1-03 and subsection 1 of
2 section 54-05.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees for late filing of lobbyist
3 reports and posting of lists of lobbyists in the legislative chambers; and to declare an
4 emergency.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 54-05.1-03 of the 1997
7 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 2. Each person so registering to act as a lobbyist shall, on or before August first
9 following the expiration of the registration period, file with the secretary of state a
10 detailed report. The report must include a statement as to each expenditure, if
11 any, of twenty-five dollars or more expended on any single occasion during the
12 legislative session or the interim, as the case may be, on any individual in carrying
13 out the lobbyist's work or include a statement that no reportable expenditures were
14 made during the reporting period. ~~No~~ A state official or agency may not require
15 reporting of lobbyist expenditures other than is required under this subsection.
16 The secretary of state shall provide a prescribed form for reporting pursuant to this
17 chapter. The secretary of state shall charge and collect fees for late filing of the
18 detailed expenditure report as follows:

19 a. Within sixty days after the date provided in this subsection for filing the
20 detailed expenditure report, twenty-five dollars;
21 b. Thereafter, fifty dollars; and
22 c. If any currently registered lobbyist fails to file a detailed expenditure report
23 and pay any late fee by October first, the lobbyist's registration is
24 automatically revoked. The lobbyist's registration may be reinstated if the

1 lobbyist thereafter files the detailed expenditure report and pays any
2 outstanding late fee.

3 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 54-05.1-04 of the North Dakota
4 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5 1. It is the duty and responsibility of the secretary of state:

6 a. To grant a certificate of registration and to design and furnish a distinctive
7 lobbyist identification badge to any person registering under section
8 54-05.1-03 who supplies the information therein required.

9 b. To revoke the certificate of registration of any person who has been convicted
10 of violating any of the provisions of this chapter.

11 c. To refer on ~~his~~ the secretary of state's own motion or on the verified complaint
12 of any member of the legislative assembly or on the verified complaint of any
13 state official, board, commission, department, or agency, or on the verified
14 complaint of any other person, to the attorney general for investigation, the
15 activities of any person who ~~he~~ the secretary of state has reason to believe
16 has been acting as a lobbyist and who may be in violation of the requirements
17 of this chapter.

18 d. To make available upon request of any citizen expenditures by categories
19 reported by registered lobbyists to have been expended on each individual in
20 carrying out ~~his~~ that person's work.

21 e. To supply a current list of registered lobbyists for each legislator upon
22 request. ~~A current list of lobbyists must be posted in the legislative chambers~~
23 ~~during the legislative session.~~

24 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.