

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

SENATE BILL NO. 2116
(Government and Veterans Affairs Committee)
(At the request of the Secretary of State)

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

2. Each person so registering to act as a lobbyist shall, on or before August first following the expiration of the registration period, file with the secretary of state a detailed report. The report must include a statement as to each expenditure, if any, of twenty-five dollars or more expended on any single occasion during the legislative session or the interim, as the case may be, on any individual in carrying out the lobbyist's work or include a statement that no reportable expenditures were made during the reporting period. ~~No~~ A state official or agency may not require reporting of lobbyist expenditures other than is required under this subsection. The secretary of state shall provide a prescribed form for reporting pursuant to this chapter. The secretary of state shall charge and collect fees for late filing of the detailed expenditure report as follows:
 - a. Within sixty days after the date provided in this subsection for filing the detailed expenditure report, twenty-five dollars;
 - b. Thereafter, fifty dollars; and
 - c. If any currently registered lobbyist fails to file a detailed expenditure report and pay any late fee by October first, the lobbyist's registration is automatically revoked. The lobbyist's registration may be reinstated if the lobbyist thereafter files the detailed expenditure report and pays any outstanding late fee.

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

1. It is the duty and responsibility of the secretary of state:
 - a. To grant a certificate of registration and to design and furnish a distinctive lobbyist identification badge to any person registering under section 54-05.1-03 who supplies the information therein required.
 - b. To revoke the certificate of registration of any person who has been convicted of violating any of the provisions of this chapter.
 - c. To refer on ~~his~~ the secretary of state's own motion or on the verified complaint of any member of the legislative assembly or on the verified complaint of any state official, board, commission, department, or agency, or on the verified complaint of any other person, to the attorney general for investigation, the activities of any person who ~~he~~ the secretary of state has reason to believe has been acting as a lobbyist and who may be in violation of the requirements of this chapter.

- d. To make available upon request of any citizen expenditures by categories reported by registered lobbyists to have been expended on each individual in carrying out ~~his~~ that person's work.
- e. To supply a current list of registered lobbyists for each legislator upon request. ~~A current list of lobbyists must be posted in the legislative chambers during the legislative session.~~

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2116 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 49 Nays 0 Absent 0

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 0 Absent 5

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,

at ___ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State