

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Bill No. 114-15

Introduced by Mr. Grasso

By the County Council, December 7, 2015

Introduced and first read on December 7, 2015

Public Hearing set for January 4, 2016

Bill Expires March 11, 2016

By Order: Elizabeth E. Jones, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Lobbying Disclosure

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3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting County employees from registering or acting as a lobbyist;
4 and generally relating to public ethics.

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6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 7-7-102
7 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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9 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
10 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

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12 **ARTICLE 7. PUBLIC ETHICS**

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14 **TITLE 7. LOBBYING DISCLOSURE**

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16 **7-7-102. Registration required.**

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18 (a) **Generally.** Unless exempted by § 7-7-101, all lobbyists shall register with the Ethics
19 Commission before undertaking any lobbying activity.

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21 (B) **Employees Prohibited.** AN EMPLOYEE MAY NOT REGISTER OR ACT AS A LOBBYIST.
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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 [b] (C) **Time registration is valid.** The registration required by this section shall run from
2 January 1 to December 31 of each year. If registration is filed after January 1, the registration
3 is valid only through December 31 of that year.
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5 [c] (D) **Required information.** Each lobbyist required to register under this section shall
6 provide the following information on a form provided by the Ethics Commission:
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8 (1) the lobbyist's name, permanent address, and phone number;
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10 (2) the name, address, phone number, and nature of business of any person on whose
11 behalf the lobbyist acts;
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13 (3) the identification, by formal designation if known, of matters on which the
14 lobbyist expects to act; and
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16 (4) the written authorization of any person or entity on whose behalf the lobbyist acts,
17 on a separate form provided by the Ethics Commission, providing the following information:
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19 (i) the name, address, and phone number of both the employer of the lobbyist and
20 the lobbyist;
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22 (ii) the period of time during which the lobbyist is authorized to act, unless sooner
23 terminated; and
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25 (iii) the subject matter on which the lobbyist represents the employer.
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27 [d] (E) **Corporations.** If the authorization to act is by a corporation, the authorization
28 shall be executed by any authorized officer or agent who is not a lobbyist.
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30 [e] (F) **Signed under oath and notarized.** The lobbyist registration form and the
31 authorization form shall be signed under oath and notarized.
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33 [f] (G) **Lobbying for more than one person.** Any person who engages in lobbying
34 on behalf of more than one person shall file a separate registration for each such person.
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36 **SECTION 2.** *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
37 from the date it becomes law.