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Legislation Text

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: President Young

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning
Ethics - Lobbying Registration Fees

FOR the purpose of setting the filing fee for lobbying registration forms at \$100; clarifying and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to lobbying registration.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 8 - Ethics
Section(s) 3-23
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

BY adding

Article 8 - Ethics
Section(s) 8-14
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

BY renumbering

Article 8 - Ethics
Section(s) 8-14
to be
Section(s) 8-15
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 8. Ethics

Subtitle 3. Administration

§ 3-23. Filing fees.

(a) In general.

[(1)] Except as OTHERWISE specified [in paragraph (2) of this subsection] IN THIS ARTICLE, the Ethics Board may charge reasonable filing fees for statements, reports, and other documents filed under this article.

(B) NO FEES FOR TIMELY FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORMS.

[(2)] The Board may not charge a fee for a disclosure statement timely filed under Subtitle 7 {"Financial Disclosure"} of this article.

[(b)] (C) Late fees.

The fees charged may include late fees for any document that is filed after the applicable deadline.

Subtitle 8. Lobbying

§ 8-14. REGISTRATION FILING FEE.

EACH LOBBYING REGISTRATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FILING FEE OF \$100.

[§ 8-14.] § 8-15. Termination of registration.

(a) Automatic termination.

Unless sooner terminated under subsection (b) of this section, each registration terminates on the earlier of:

- (1) the December 31 that first follows the registration's filing; or
- (2) the date specified in a written authorization filed under § 8-11 {"Employer authorization required"} of this subtitle.

(b) Termination by lobbyist.

A lobbyist may terminate the registration as of an earlier date than that specified in subsection (a) of this section if the lobbyist:

- (1) ceases all activity that requires registration;
- (2) after ceasing all activity, files a notice of termination with the Ethics Board; and

(3) within 30 days after filing the notice, files all reports required by this subtitle.

(c) Required termination on appointment as public servant.

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if a lobbyist is or becomes subject to regulation under this article as a public servant, the lobbyist must:

(i) immediately cease all activity that requires registration; and

(ii) terminate his or her registration in accordance with subsection (b) of this section within 30 days of becoming a public servant:

(A) file a notice of termination with the Ethics Board; and

(B) file all reports required by this subtitle.

(2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply to a lobbyist appointed to an advisory body of limited duration.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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