



REGULATION ON LOBBYING
ADOPTED BY THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION
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AUTHORITY: NRS 218H.400 and 218H.500

The Legislative Commission hereby adopts the following regulation concerning lobbyists. This regulation supersedes all previously adopted regulations on this subject.

Registration

1. In addition to providing for the registration of lobbyists during each legislative session or special session, the Chief of the Administrative Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide for the registration of lobbyists before the beginning of each legislative session or special session, including the collection of the appropriate registration fee and identification badges. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any fee paid before the legislature is convened is refundable, upon request, but note, the Chief of the Administrative Division shall deduct \$20 to cover processing costs.

2. The various fees for registering as a lobbyist are determined as follows: PAID Lobbyist: \$300.00; and, PAID Lobbyist representing ONLY 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization(s): \$100.00; NON PAID Lobbyist: \$20.00; NON PAID – Veterans: \$0.00. For the purposes of this subsection, a paid lobbyist is a person who receives compensation for appearing in person in the Legislative Building or any other building in which the legislature or any of its standing committees hold meetings and communicates directly with a member of the legislative branch on behalf of someone other than himself to influence legislative action. To be considered a paid lobbyist, the compensation paid need not be paid solely for the act of lobbying, but may be paid for other tasks in addition to lobbying. A nonpaid lobbyist is a person who receives no compensation for appearing in person in the Legislative Building or any other building in which the legislature or any of its standing committees hold meetings and communicates directly with a member of the legislature branch. In the event of a special session, the Chief of the Administrative Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall determine an appropriate fee for registering as a lobbyist.

3. The photo identification badges for paid lobbyists have a **white background and a dark blue stripe with lettering stating "PAID LOBBYIST"**; badges for paid lobbyists representing 501(c)(3) non-profit organization(s) have a **white background and a teal stripe with lettering stating "PAID LOBBYIST – Non-Profit"**; badges for non paid lobbyists have a **white background and light blue stripe stating "NON PAID LOBBYIST;"** and, badges for non paid lobbyists who are veterans have a **white background and light green stripe stating "NON PAID LOBBYIST – Veteran."** All badges have the name of the lobbyist. The photos are done by the Legislative Police and badges are distributed by either the Legislative Police or Lobbyist Registration Office after the registration process. The fee for a second or subsequent (replacement) identification badge is \$20.00 each.

4. All registrations must be in accordance with the provisions of NRS 218H.200 and 218H.210. The registration statement and reporting forms are developed by the Chief of the Administrative Division and shall be submitted electronically at www.leg.state.nv.us. Registrants must declare persons who retain or employ them, all business associations or partnerships involving current legislators and the amount of involvement in political campaigns. Involvement in certain real estate transactions must be disclosed pursuant to NRS 281A.620.

5. An employee of state government who is not required to register as a lobbyist solely because of the exclusion specified in paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NRS 218H.080 shall obtain a photo identification badge. The badge must be worn whenever the employee appears in the Legislative Building. The badges for state employees have a **white and gray background with lettering stating "STATE EMPLOYEE."** They are obtained, without charge, from the Legislative Police.

Expenditure Reports

1. Monthly expenditure reports must be filed by all lobbyists whether expenditures have been made or not. Expenditures must always be identified by legislator, organization, event or person and categorized in the following manner:

- A. "Entertainment," must include the expenditures for any intangible item such as a fee for a membership in a club, the price of admission to a theatrical performance or the cost of food or beverage. Entertainment includes the price paid for admission to a sporting event or other form of entertainment. Entertainment also includes expenditures for a legislator to attend a party to which not all legislators were invited.
- B. "Group Event" is a party hosted by a lobbyist(s) and/or by an organization(s) represented by a lobbyist(s) to which all legislators are invited.
- C. "Gifts and loans." These include money or services on anything of value provided to a legislator, organization, or any other person for benefit of a legislator or organization. "Gift" includes expenditures for any tangible item such as books, hardware, software for computers, plaques or flowers. "Gift" does not include a ticket for admission to a sporting event or other form of entertainment.
- D. "Other" expenditures which may include the separate meal costs of a guest of a legislator or the cost of a special purpose trip for a legislator.

2. All lobbyists must file monthly expenditure reports. All PAID LOBBYISTS will be charged \$10 per day for failure to file in a timely manner; however, a paid lobbyist who does not file a report(s) or pay the penalty is subject to suspension or revocation of the lobbyist's registration and will not be permitted to lobby or register again until all reports are filed and current fees and fines are paid. Nonpaid lobbyists are exempt from late fees; however, a nonpaid lobbyist who does not file a required report is subject to suspension or revocation of the lobbyist's registration and will not be permitted to lobby or register again until all reports are filed.

Training

The LCB shall provide training for lobbyists before each legislative session. All

Lobbyists must attend such training or arrange to obtain a video of the training from the Chief of the Administrative Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and submit a signed certification that they have watched the video.

Audit or Investigation

If the Legislative Commission authorizes an audit or investigation of a registrant, the registrant must make available all books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers, and other records pertaining to lobbying activities to the Legislative Auditor.