

AN ACT restricting the lobbying activities of certain officials and employees after service in elected office or public employment and amending P.L.2004, c.34.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 1 of P.L.2004, c.34 (C.52:13C-21.4) is amended to read as follows:

1. a. As used in this section, "person" means any member of the Legislature, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor ~~[or]~~ the head of a principal department of the Executive Branch, and officers and employees in the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch of State government whose annual compensation from such office or employment is \$100,000 or greater. The term "person" shall include the Commissioner of Corrections and deputy commissioners of the Department of Corrections, the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and Executive Officer of State Police, and their respective chiefs of staff, but shall not include any other trooper, member, or officer of a police department of a State agency, the Department of Corrections, or State Police.

b. No person, within ~~[one year]~~ two years next subsequent to the termination of the office or employment of such person, shall register as a "governmental affairs agent" as defined in section 3 of P.L.1971, c.183 (C.52:13C-20).

c. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the provisions of subsection b. of this section shall be subject to a penalty of not more than \$10,000 and shall be barred from activities prohibited under subsection b. for up to an additional five years.

d. Upon receiving evidence of any violation of this section, the Election Law Enforcement Commission shall have the power to hold, or to cause to be held, hearings about the violation and, upon finding any person to have committed a violation, to assess such penalty, within the limits prescribed herein, as it deems proper under the circumstances, which penalty may be collected in a summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).
(cf: P.L.2009, c.66, s.39)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

Current law . prohibits a member of the Legislature, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, or a head of a principal department, within one year of termination of office or employment, from registering as a "governmental affairs agent" as defined in the Legislative Activities

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Disclosure Act of 1971. This bill expands this prohibition to members of the Legislature, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the heads of principal departments of the Executive Branch, and officers and employees in the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch of State government whose annual compensation from such office or employment is \$100,000 or greater. The bill also extends the period before which any of these officers and employees may register as a governmental affairs agent from one year to two years following their termination of office or employment.

Bars certain State officials and employees from lobbying activities for two years after leaving office or employment.