

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0146

Lobbying restrictions.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Smith, Allemand, Bear, Haroldson, Jennings, Locke, Pendergraft, Penn, Slagle, Strock and Ward and Senator(s) Hutchings, Ide and Steinmetz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the legislature; prohibiting state
2 legislators from lobbying for two years after leaving
3 office; providing penalties; increasing existing fines for
4 failing to register as a lobbyist; specifying
5 applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 28-7-101 by creating a new subsection
10 (d) and 28-7-102(a) are amended to read:

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12 **28-7-101. Registration; reports.**

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1 (d) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
2 a former state legislator shall not become a lobbyist or
3 engage in lobbying that would require registration under
4 subsection (b) of this section for two (2) years, beginning
5 on the day the state legislator's terms ends after not
6 being again elected to the state legislator's office or
7 having otherwise been removed from office and ending on the
8 two (2) year anniversary of that day. This subsection shall
9 not apply if the former state legislator engages in
10 lobbying on the former state legislator's own behalf.

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12 **28-7-102. Penalties.**

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14 (a) Any person or individual failing to register as a
15 lobbyist with the secretary of state or who violates W.S.
16 28-7-101(d) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor subject to a
17 fine of not more than ~~two hundred dollars (\$200.00)~~ five
18 thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

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20 **Section 2.** This act shall apply to any state
21 legislator who leaves or is otherwise removed from office
22 on or after the effective date of this act.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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