



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-0422/P1
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DOA:.....Bork, BB0112 - Increasing certain lobbying fees

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

STATE GOVERNMENT

GENERAL STATE GOVERNMENT

Lobbying fees

Under current law, a person who employs a lobbyist (a principal) and who spends more than \$500 in a calendar year on lobbying activities must file a principal registration form with the Ethics Commission and pay a fee. In addition, in order for a lobbyist to represent a principal, either the lobbyist or the principal must file an authorization statement with the commission and pay a fee.

This bill increases the principal registration fee from \$375 to \$430 and the authorization statement fee from \$125 to \$180. The increase first applies to lobbying that occurs during the 2023-24 legislative session.

The bill also imposes a \$55 surcharge applicable to lobbying during the 2021-22 legislative session that is in addition to the fees collected for filing the principal registration form and the authorization statement.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 13.75 (1g) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.75 (1g) (b) Filing the principal registration form under s. 13.64, ~~\$375~~ \$430.

SECTION 2. 13.75 (1g) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.75 (1g) (d) Filing an authorization statement under s. 13.65, ~~\$125~~ \$180.

SECTION 9115. Nonstatutory provisions; Ethics Commission.

(1) TEMPORARY LOBBYING SURCHARGE. With regard to lobbying for the 2021-22 legislative session, a person who files the principal registration form under s. 13.64 or the authorization statement under s. 13.65 shall pay to the ethics commission, in addition to the fees under s. 13.75 (1g) (b) and (d), a \$55 surcharge for each such filing. If the fees have not been paid prior to the effective date of this subsection, the surcharge shall be submitted with the fees. If the fees have been paid prior to the effective date of this subsection, the surcharge shall be paid at the time and in the manner determined by the ethics commission.

SECTION 9315. Initial applicability; Ethics Commission.

(1) LOBBYING FEES. The treatment of s. 13.75 (1g) (b) and (d) first applies to the filings applicable to the 2023-24 legislative session.

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