

House Bill 1141 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Heard of the 104th, Mills of the 25th, and Parsons of the 42nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-5-71 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 registration of lobbyists, so as to provide for the payment of certain registration and other
3 fees by persons who register as lobbyists; to provide for the establishment of such fees; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 21-5-71 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration of
8 lobbyists, is amended by striking subsection (f) and inserting in lieu thereof a new
9 subsection (f) to read as follows:

10 "(f)(1) Each person registering under this Code section shall pay the registration fees set
11 forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection; provided, however, that a person who represents
12 any state, county, municipal, or public agency, department, commission, or authority
13 shall be exempted from payment of such registration fees ~~and a person employed by an~~
14 ~~organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4)~~
15 ~~of the Internal Revenue Code, as that code is defined in Code Section 48-1-2, shall be~~
16 ~~exempted from payment of such registration fees except for payment of an initial~~
17 ~~registration fee of \$25.00.~~

18 (2)(A) The commission shall collect ~~the following~~ fees: for annual lobbyist registration
19 and for the issuance of identification cards under this Code section. The amount of such
20 fees shall be set by the Legislative Fiscal Office annually after consultation with the
21 commission such that the total amount of such fees shall approximate the total of the
22 direct and indirect costs to the state for registering such lobbyists, filing the reports by
23 such lobbyists required by this article, providing identification cards to such lobbyists,
24 and enforcing the provisions of this article concerning lobbyists for the year. In no event
25 shall the registration fee exceed \$200.00 per year for any individual registered lobbyist.

1 Additional registrations submitted by any registered lobbyist for any given year shall not
2 exceed \$20.00 per additional registration.

3 ~~(A) Annual lobbyist registration filed pursuant to this Code section~~
4 ~~..... \$ 200.00~~

5 ~~(B) Lobbyist supplemental registration filed pursuant to this Code section~~
6 ~~..... 10.00~~

7 ~~(C) Each lobbyist identification card issued pursuant to this Code section~~
8 ~~..... 5.00~~

9 ~~(D)~~(B) In addition to other penalties provided under this chapter, a filing fee of \$50.00
10 shall be imposed for each report that is filed late. In addition, a filing fee of \$25.00
11 shall be imposed on the fifteenth day after the due date if the report has still not been
12 filed."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.