

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1104

Approved by the Governor March 18, 2024

Introduced by Aguilar, 35; Meyer, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend sections 49-1480.01 and 49-1482, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the amount and distribution of lobbyist registration fees; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 49-1480.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

49-1480.01 (1) The Clerk of the Legislature shall collect a fee of three ~~two~~ hundred dollars for an application for registration by a lobbyist for each principal if the lobbyist receives or will receive compensation for such lobbying. Except as provided by section 49-1434, a lobbyist who receives compensation shall include an individual who is an employee or member of a principal whose duties of employment, office, or membership include engaging in lobbying activities.

(2) A fee of fifteen dollars shall be collected for an application by a lobbyist for each principal if the lobbyist is not receiving and will not be receiving compensation for such lobbying. Any lobbyist who receives compensation who did not anticipate receiving such compensation at the time of application for registration shall, within five days of the receipt of any compensation, file an amended registration form which shall be accompanied by an additional fee of two ~~one~~ hundred eighty-five dollars for such year.

(3) The registration of a lobbyist for each of his or her principals may be renewed by the payment of a fee as provided by subsections (1) and (2) of this section. Such fee shall be paid to the Clerk of the Legislature on or before December 31 of each calendar year. The registration of a lobbyist for each of his or her principals shall terminate as of the end of the calendar year for which the lobbyist registered unless the registration is renewed as provided in this section.

Sec. 2. Section 49-1482, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

49-1482 The Clerk of the Legislature shall charge a fee pursuant to section 49-1480.01 for each application for registration by a lobbyist for each principal. Such fees when collected shall be remitted to the State Treasurer. One-half ~~Three-fourths~~ of such fees shall be credited to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission Cash Fund and one-half ~~one-fourth~~ to the Clerk of the Legislature Cash Fund.

Sec. 3. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2024.

Sec. 4. Original sections 49-1480.01 and 49-1482, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.