

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 231—ASSEMBLYMEN MCCLAIN, KOIVISTO, SMITH, OHRENSCHALL, KIHUEN; AIZLEY, ANDERSON, ARBERRY, ATKINSON, BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COBB, CONKLIN, DENIS, DONDERO LOOP, GANSERT, GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, GUSTAVSON, HAMBRICK, HARDY, HOGAN, HORNE, KIRKPATRICK, LESLIE, MANENDO, MASTROLUCA, MCARTHUR, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER, SPIEGEL, STEWART AND WOODBURY

MARCH 4, 2009

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics,
and Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Exempts certain veterans from the requirement to pay any fee established for registration as an uncompensated lobbyist. (BDR 17-998)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to lobbying; exempting certain veterans from the requirement to pay any fee established for registration as an uncompensated lobbyist; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 The Legislative Commission is authorized to establish fees for registration as a
- 2 lobbyist. (NRS 218.932) This bill exempts a veteran who is not compensated for his
- 3 lobbying activities and who provides proof of his discharge or release from military
- 4 service under honorable conditions from the requirement to pay any fee established
- 5 for registration as an uncompensated lobbyist.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 218.932 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 218.932 1. The Legislative Commission shall adopt
3 regulations to carry out the provisions of NRS 218.900 to 218.944,
4 inclusive, may , *except as otherwise provided in this subsection,*
5 require fees for registration, payable into the Legislative Fund, and
6 may classify lobbyists for this purpose. *A veteran who does not*
7 *receive compensation for his lobbying activities is not required to*
8 *pay any fee established for registration if he provides proof of his*
9 *discharge or release from the Armed Forces of the United States, a*
10 *reserve component thereof or the National Guard under*
11 *honorable conditions.*

12 2. The Director shall:

13 (a) Prepare and furnish forms for the statements and reports
14 required to be filed.

15 (b) Prepare and publish uniform methods of accounting and
16 reporting to be used by persons required to file such statements and
17 reports, including guidelines for complying with the reporting
18 requirements of NRS 218.900 to 218.944, inclusive.

19 (c) Accept and file any information voluntarily supplied that
20 exceeds the requirements of NRS 218.900 to 218.944, inclusive.

21 (d) Develop a filing, coding and cross-indexing system
22 consistent with the purposes of NRS 218.900 to 218.944, inclusive.

23 (e) Make the statements and reports available for public
24 inspection during regular office hours.

25 (f) Preserve the statements and reports for a period of 5 years
26 from the date of filing.

27 (g) Compile and keep current an alphabetical list of registrants,
28 including their address, the name and address of each person for
29 whom the registrant is lobbying and the principal areas of interest on
30 which he expects to lobby. A copy of the list must be furnished to
31 each Legislator, to the clerks of the respective counties for
32 preservation and public inspection, and to any person who requests a
33 copy and pays the cost of reproduction.

34 **Sec. 2.** NRS 218.940 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 218.940 1. Except as otherwise provided in this ~~subsection,~~
36 *section,* a registrant who files an activity report after the time
37 provided in NRS 218.926 shall pay to the Director a fee for late
38 filing of \$10 for each day that it was late, but the Director may
39 reduce or waive this fee upon a finding of just cause. ~~The~~

40 2. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the*
41 Legislative Commission may by regulation exempt a classification
42 of lobbyist from the fee for late filing.



~~[2-]~~ A veteran who does not receive compensation for his lobbying activities is exempt from the fee for late filing if he provides proof of his discharge or release from the Armed Forces of the United States, a reserve component thereof or the National Guard under honorable conditions.

3. An activity report with respect to which a late filing fee has been paid by the registrant or waived by the Director shall be deemed timely filed, and the late filing is not a public offense.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

