

By Senator Perry

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to local government lobbyist  
3           registration fees; amending s. 112.3262, F.S.;  
4           authorizing the Commission on Ethics to establish a  
5           lobbyist registration fee by rule; specifying  
6           limitations for such fee; specifying that a  
7           registration is incomplete until the commission  
8           receives a registration fee; prohibiting governmental  
9           entities from charging fees for lobbyist or principal  
10          registration; providing an exception for enforcement  
11          costs; providing a contingent effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15           Section 1. Subsection (12) is added to section 112.3262,  
16 Florida Statutes, as created by SB \_\_, to read:

17           112.3262 Lobbying before governmental entities.-

18           (12) (a) The annual lobbyist registration fee shall be  
19 established by commission rule. The fee may not exceed \$40 for  
20 each principal represented for one county and governmental  
21 entities therein or one multi-county governmental entity, or  
22 exceed \$5 for each principal represented for each additional  
23 county and governmental entities therein or additional multi-  
24 county governmental entities. In addition to any requirements in  
25 subsection (3), a registration is incomplete until the  
26 commission receives the lobbyist's registration fee.

27           (b) A governmental entity may not charge a fee for the  
28 registration of lobbyists and principals, or for the enforcement  
29 of lobbyist regulation except as may be reasonable and necessary

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30 to cover the cost of such enforcement. A governmental entity may  
31 not charge a fee for enforcement upon initial registration. Such  
32 fees may only be charged in the event that an enforcement action  
33 is initiated and is limited to the direct and actual cost of  
34 enforcement.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date that  
36 SB \_\_ or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation  
37 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension  
38 thereof and becomes a law.