

4511.0200 REGISTRATION.

Subpart 1. **Separate registration required for each entity.** A lobbyist who lobbies on behalf of more than one individual, association, political subdivision, or public higher education system shall register separately for each separate entity. Members or affiliates of an association represented by a lobbyist are not separate entities for the purposes of this requirement.

Subp. 2. **Separate registration for each lobbyist.** Multiple lobbyists representing the same individual, association, political subdivision, or higher education system must each register separately. A lobbyist who reports lobbying activity to the board through a reporting lobbyist must list the name and registration number of the reporting lobbyist on a lobbyist registration. If the reporting lobbyist changes, or if the lobbyist ceases to report through a reporting lobbyist, the lobbyist must amend the registration within ten days.

Subp. 2a. **Registration threshold.** An individual must register as a lobbyist with the board upon the earlier of when:

A. the individual receives total pay or consideration from all sources that exceeds \$3,000 in a calendar year for the purpose of lobbying or from a business whose primary source of revenue is derived from facilitating government relations or government affairs services if the individual's job duties include offering direct or indirect consulting or advice that helps the business provide those services to clients. The pay or consideration for lobbying for an individual whose job duties include both lobbying and functions unrelated to lobbying is determined by multiplying the compensation of the individual by the percentage of the individual's work time spent lobbying in the calendar year; or

B. the individual spends more than \$3,000 of their own funds in a calendar year for the purpose of lobbying. Membership dues paid by the individual, and expenses for transportation, lodging, and meals used to support lobbying by the individual, are not costs that count toward the \$3,000 expenditure threshold that requires registration.

Subp. 2b. **Registration not required.** An individual is not required to register as a lobbyist with the board:

A. to represent the lobbyist's own interests if the lobbyist is already registered to represent one or more principals, unless the lobbyist spends over \$3,000 in personal funds in a calendar year for the purpose of lobbying; or

B. as a result of serving on the board or governing body of an association that is a principal, unless the individual receives pay or other consideration to lobby on behalf of the association, and the aggregate pay or consideration for lobbying from all sources exceeds \$3,000 in a calendar year.

Subp. 3. **Registration of designated lobbyist.** A designated lobbyist must indicate on the lobbyist registration form that the lobbyist will be reporting disbursements for the entity the lobbyist represents. An entity that employs lobbyists may have only one designated lobbyist. A designated lobbyist who ceases to be responsible for reporting the lobbying disbursements of an entity must amend the lobbyist's registration with the board within ten days.

Subp. 4. **Registration of reporting lobbyist.** A reporting lobbyist must indicate on the lobbyist registration form that the lobbyist will be reporting lobbying activity for additional lobbyists representing the same entity. The registration must list the name and registration number of each lobbyist that will be included in reports to the board made by the reporting lobbyist. Changes to the list of lobbyists represented by a reporting lobbyist must be amended on the reporting lobbyist registration within ten days, or provided to the board at the time of filing a report required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.04, subdivision 2.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 10A.01; 10A.02; 10A.022; 10A.025*

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