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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to raising the expenditure threshold for requiring registration of New York city lobbyists

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 3-213 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 129 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Every lobbyist shall annually file with the city clerk, on forms prescribed by the city clerk, a statement of registration for each calendar year, provided, however, that the filing of such statement of registration shall not be required of any lobbyist who in any year does not earn or incur an amount in excess of [five thousand dollars or, if the lobbyist is an architect or engineer, or an architecture or engineering firm,] ten thousand dollars[,] of combined reportable compensation and expenses, as provided in paragraph five of subdivision (b) of section 3-216 of this subchapter, for the purposes of lobbying.

(2) Such filing shall be completed on or before January fifteenth by those persons who have been retained, employed or designated as lobbyists on or before December thirty-first of the previous calendar year who reasonably anticipate that in the coming year they will earn or incur combined reportable compensation and expenses in an amount in excess of [five thousand dollars or, if the lobbyist is an architect or engineer, or an architecture or engineering firm,] ten thousand dollars. For those lobbyists retained, employed or designated after December thirty-first, and for those lobbyists who, subsequent to their retainer, employment or designation, reasonably anticipate combined reportable compensation and expenses in excess of such amount, such filing must be completed within fifteen days thereafter.

(3) Before a lobbyist files a statement of registration pursuant to paragraph one of this subdivision, the lobbyist and its client shall enroll in the electronic filing system.

§ 2. Subdivision a of section 3-216 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 129 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Any lobbyist[, except a lobbyist described in paragraph two of this subdivision,] required to file a statement of registration pursuant to section 3-213 of this subchapter who in any lobbying year earns or incurs combined reportable compensation and expenses in an amount in excess of [five thousand dollars or, if the lobbyist is an architect or engineer, or an architecture or engineering firm,] ten thousand dollars, as provided in paragraph five of subdivision (b) of this section, for the purpose of lobbying, shall file with the city clerk periodic reports, on forms prescribed by the city clerk, by the fifteenth day next succeeding the end of the reporting period on which the cumulative total for such lobbying year equaled such sum. Such reporting periods shall be the period from January first through the last day of February, March first through April thirtieth, May first through June thirtieth, July first through August thirty-first, September first through October thirty-first, and November first through December thirty-first.

[(2) Any lobbyist that is an organization required to file a statement of registration pursuant to section 3-213 of this subchapter that lobbies solely on its own behalf by utilizing the services of its employees and that, in any lobbying year, earns or incurs combined reportable compensation and expenses in an amount in excess of five thousand dollars, but equal to or less than ten thousand dollars, as provided in paragraph five of subdivision (b) of this section, for the purpose of lobbying, shall file with the city clerk periodic reports, on forms prescribed by the city clerk, by the fifteenth day next succeeding the end of the reporting period on which the cumulative total for such lobbying year equaled such sum. Such reporting periods shall be the period from January first to June thirtieth, and July first to December thirty-first.]

[(3)] (2) Any lobbyist making a report pursuant to paragraph one [or two] of this subdivision shall thereafter file with the city clerk, on forms prescribed by the city clerk, a periodic report for each reporting period that

such person earns or incurs combined reportable compensation and expenses in an amount in excess of one thousand dollars for the purposes of lobbying during such reporting period. Such report shall be filed not later than the fifteenth day next succeeding the end of such reporting period and shall include the amounts so earned or incurred during such reporting period and the cumulative total during the lobbying year.

§ 3. Subdivision a of section 3-217 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 129 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Annual reports shall be filed by:

(1) every lobbyist required to file a statement of registration pursuant to section 3-213 of this subchapter; and

(2) any client retaining, employing or designating a lobbyist or lobbyists, if during the year such client owed an amount in excess of [five thousand dollars or, if the lobbyist is an architect or engineer, or an architecture or engineering firm,] ten thousand dollars[,] of combined reportable compensation and expenses, as provided in paragraph five of subdivision (c) of this section, for the purposes of lobbying.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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