

**HOUSE BILL NO. 119**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES COGHILL, Gruenberg, Lynn, Roses**

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**Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to professional ethics training."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 24.45.031(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) In addition to its other duties under this chapter, the commission shall

5 (1) prescribe the forms for registration, reports, statements, notices,  
6 and other documents required by this chapter;

7 (2) prepare and publish instructions setting out the methods of  
8 accounting, bookkeeping, and preservation of records required to facilitate compliance  
9 with and enforcement of this chapter and explaining the duties of persons subject to  
10 the provisions of this chapter; the instructions shall be updated periodically;

11 (3) provide assistance to persons in complying with the provisions of  
12 this chapter;

13 (4) prepare and publish a biennial report of its activities, findings, and  
14 recommendations under this chapter, which shall be made available to the governor,  
15 legislature, and to the public by February 1 of each odd-numbered calendar year; the

1 commission shall notify the legislature that the report is available;

2 (5) report suspected violations of this chapter to the attorney general;

3 **(6) administer an annually updated training course that promotes**  
 4 **adherence to high ethical standards of professional conduct and teaches lobbyists**  
 5 **and employers of lobbyists how to comply with laws that regulate lobbyists.**

6 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 24.45.041(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) The registration form prescribed by the commission must include

8 (1) the lobbyist's full name and complete permanent residence and  
 9 business address and telephone number, as well as any temporary residential and  
 10 business address and telephone number in the state capital during a legislative session;

11 (2) the full name and complete address of each person by whom the  
 12 lobbyist is retained or employed;

13 (3) whether the person from whom the lobbyist receives compensation  
 14 employs the person solely as a lobbyist or whether the person is a regular employee  
 15 performing other services for the employer that include but are not limited to the  
 16 influencing of legislative or administrative action;

17 (4) the nature or form of the lobbyist's compensation for engaging in  
 18 lobbying, including salary, fees, or reimbursement for expenses received in  
 19 consideration for, or directly in support of or in connection with, the influencing of  
 20 legislative or administrative action;

21 (5) a general description of the subjects or matters on which the  
 22 registrant expects to lobby or to engage in the influencing of legislative or  
 23 administrative action;

24 (6) the full name and complete address of the person, if other than the  
 25 registrant, who has custody of the accounts, books, papers, bills, receipts, and other  
 26 documents required to be maintained under this chapter;

27 (7) the identification of a legislator, legislative employee, or public  
 28 official to whom the lobbyist is married or who is the domestic partner of the lobbyist;  
 29 in this paragraph, "domestic partner" has the meaning given in AS 39.50.200(a);

30 **(8) a sworn affirmation by the lobbyist that the lobbyist has**  
 31 **completed the training course administered by the commission under**

1        **AS 24.45.031(a) within the 12-month period preceding the date of registration or**  
2        **registration renewal under this chapter.**

3        \* **Sec. 3.** AS 24.60.150(a) is amended to read:

4                (a) The committee shall

5                        (1) adopt procedures to facilitate the receipt of inquiries and prompt  
6                        rendition of its opinions;

7                        (2) publish semi-annual summaries of decisions and advisory opinions  
8                        with sufficient deletions in the summaries to prevent disclosing the identity of the  
9                        persons involved in the decisions or opinions that have remained confidential;

10                        **(3) publish legislative ethics materials, including an annually**  
11        **updated handbook on standards of ethical conduct and a bimonthly legislative**  
12        **newsletter, to help educate legislators, legislative employees, and public members**  
13        **of the committee on the subject of legislative ethics;**

14                        **(4) in January of each year and at other times determined by the**  
15        **committee, administer a legislative ethics course that teaches strategies for**  
16        **compliance with this chapter and understanding of this chapter's purpose under**  
17        **AS 24.60.010.**

18        \* **Sec. 4.** AS 24.60 is amended by adding a new section to read:

19                **Sec. 24.60.155.** A person who is a legislator, legislative employee, or public  
20                member of the committee shall complete the legislative ethics course administered by  
21                the committee under AS 24.60.150(a) at some time after the last day of each regular  
22                legislative session and before the 10th day of the next following regular legislative  
23                session. However, a person who first takes office or begins employment after the 10th  
24                day of a regular session shall complete the course required by this section within 30  
25                days after the person's first day of service. The committee may grant a person  
26                additional time to complete the course required by this section.