



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission
FROM: Lobbying Unit
DATE: March 13, 2024
RE: Amendments to Part 943

The Lobbying Unit is proposing for publication in the State Register a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking amending 19 NYCRR Part 943 to:

- Codify the Commission's late fee program and establish criteria and requirements for requesting a waiver of a late filing fee.
- Clarify who is responsible for the submission, completeness, and truthfulness of lobbying filings when the Lobbyist or Client is a person or organization. For organizations, the proposed amendments clarify that the Responsible Party must have legal authority to bind the Lobbyist or Client. If the Lobbyist or Client is a person, the Responsible Party is such person. Additionally, the proposed amendments make clear that the Responsible Party is not an individual whose sole responsibility or authority is to prepare lobbying filings for the Lobbyist or Client.
- Clarify how a member of a Coalition may be disclosed as a source of funding.

- Require the Responsible Party to submit training compliance information to the Commission on behalf of themselves, their organization and/or their organization's Individual Lobbyists. Additionally, the Responsible Party must retain for a period of three years a completed and executed affidavit of training completion by the organization's Individual Lobbyists.
- This Proposed Rulemaking also includes other minor clarifying amendments.

These proposed rulemakings will be published in the State Register and, upon publication, have a 60-day comment period.