

Pursuant to the authority vested in section 94 of the Executive Law and Article 1-A of the Legislative Law, Part 943 of Title 19 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York is amended, to be effective January 1, 2025, after publication of a Notice of Adoption in the New York State Register, to read as follows:

Subdivision (h) and (m) of section 943.3 are amended to read as follows:

(h) *Employed Lobbyist* means a person who lobbies on behalf of the organization by which they [he is] are employed.

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(m) *Lobbyist* means a person or organization who engages in Lobbying Activity and includes Retained, Employed, and Designated Lobbyists. Lobbyist includes officers, directors, trustees, employees, counsels, or agents of colleges, as defined by section two of the education law, but does not include any other officer, director, trustee, employee, counsel or agent of the State of New York, or any municipality or subdivision thereof when discharging [his or her] their official duties.

Paragraphs (1) and (3) of Subdivision (b) or section 943.5 are amended to read as follows:

(b) Online Ethics Training for Lobbyist and Clients

(1) All Lobbyists (Principal Lobbyists and Individual Lobbyists) and all Clients (Contractual Clients and Beneficial Clients) listed on a Statement of Registration commencing with the biennial period 2023-2024 and thereafter, must complete the online ethics training course for Lobbyists and Clients, as provided by the Commission.

(i) For organizations that engage in lobbying activity as either a Lobbyist or Client, the Responsible Party for the organization [organization Chief Administrative Officer] is responsible for completing the training on behalf of the organization.

(ii) In addition, all Individual Lobbyists must complete the training.

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(3) The Responsible Party of Lobbyists and Clients [(including the Chief Administrative Officers of organizations engaged in lobbying activity as a Lobbyist or Client, as applicable)] must enter training compliance information on behalf of themselves, their organization and/or their organization's Individual Lobbyists, as applicable, into the Commission's online lobbying application, as directed by the Commission.

(i) For each Individual Lobbyist who has completed the online ethics training course, the Responsible Party for the Lobbyist must retain, for a period of three years, a completed and executed affidavit of training completion, in the form provided by the Commission.

Paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of section 943.6 is amended to read as follows:

(3) Direct Lobbying can include Direct Contact with a Public Official who supports the position being advocated by the Lobbyist or [his] their Client.

Subdivision (e)(3)(ii) of section 943.9 is amended to read as follows:

(ii) Printing and/or postage that does not exceed \$500 in the aggregate;

The title of subdivision (h) of section 943.9 is amended to read as follows:

**(h) Filing Requirements for Contractual and Beneficial Clients, Multi-Party Lobbying Relationships and Coalitions.**

A new Paragraph (g) is added to subdivision (h)(3)(iv) of section 943.9 to read as follows:

(g) A Structured Coalition must disclose a Member of its Coalition as a source of funding if the requirements set forth in Part 938 of this Title are otherwise met, including if the Coalition meets the Expenditure Threshold as defined in such Part.

Subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of section 943.10(2)(j) are amended to read as follows:

(2) The name of the Principal Lobbyist.

(i) If an individual Lobbyist is an employee or partner of an organization or firm, the organization or firm should always be identified as the Principal Lobbyist unless the individual has been retained in [his] their individual capacity.

(ii) The Principal Lobbyist should only be listed as an individual if the Lobbyist conducts business in [his] their own name.

Subdivision (b) of section 943.11 is amended to read as follows:

(b) Any Lobbyist who [required to file] files a Statement of Registration for a Client for any biennial period must also file Bi-Monthly Reports in accordance with this section, regardless of Compensation, Expenses, or Lobbying Activity.

Paragraph (6) of subdivision (f) of section 943.12 is deleted and paragraphs (7)- (11) are re-numbered (6)- (10):

[(6) The identities of any Co-Lobbyists or Sub-Lobbyists as described in subsection 943.9(h), if applicable;]