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Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1292

Introduced by

Representatives Mooney, Haak, Holman, Mock, M. Nelson, Wallman

Senators Marcellais, Schneider, Sinner, Warner

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 16.1-09-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to information required to be filed in statements of interests; and to amend and reenact section 54-05.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legislative lobbying.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new subsection to section 16.1-09-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

A list of any scholarship funds received or paid on the individual's behalf, the amount of each scholarship, the granting entity, and the conference, meeting, or event for which the scholarship funds were granted. For the purposes of this subsection, "scholarship funds" includes money or other financial support given to reimburse or pay for the costs of attending a conference, meeting, or event at which model legislation is presented, discussed, distributed, or made available. "Scholarship funds" do not include money or other financial support provided by an agency of the state or a political subdivision.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 54-05.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-05.1-02. Applicability - Meaning of lobbyist.

1. This chapter applies to any person who, in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, performs any of the following activities:
   a. Attempts to secure the passage, amendment, or defeat of any legislation by the legislative assembly or the approval or veto of any legislation by the governor of the state.

b. Attempts to influence decisions made by the legislative management or by an interim committee of the legislative management.

c. Drafts, promotes, or distributes model legislation with the purpose of influencing a member of the legislative assembly to introduce the legislation or vote in favor of the legislation through any means, including through offering or providing money or other financial support to reimburse or pay for any of the costs of attending a conference, meeting, or event where model legislation is presented, discussed, distributed, or made available.

2. This chapter does not apply to any person who is:

a. A legislator.

b. A private citizen appearing on the citizen's own behalf.

c. An employee, officer, board member, volunteer, or agent of the state or its political subdivisions whether elected or appointed and whether or not compensated, who is acting in that person's official capacity.

d. Invited by the chairman of the legislative management, an interim committee of the legislative management, or a standing committee of the legislative assembly to appear before the legislative management, interim committee, or standing committee for the purpose of providing information.

e. An individual who appears before a legislative committee for the sole purpose of presenting testimony on behalf of a trade or professional organization or a business or industry if the individual is introduced to the committee by the registered lobbyist for the trade or professional organization or the business or industry.

3. For the purposes of this chapter, persons required to register under this chapter because of the performance of the activities described in subsection 1 must be known as "lobbyists".