

HOUSE BILL 49

IN THE HOUSE

January 17, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Adminis- tration.
February 17, 1979	Committee recommend bill, as amended, do not pass.  Report adopted. Objection.
February 20, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 21, 1979	Second reading, do not pass.

1                   HOUSE           BILL NO.   49  
 2 INTRODUCTION BY WALDRON

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS  
 5 5-7-101, 5-7-102, 5-7-203, 5-7-207, AND 5-7-301, MCA; TO  
 6 REPEAL SECTIONS 5-7-206, 5-7-302, AND 5-7-303, MCA; TO  
 7 REQUIRE STATEMENTS OF EXPENDITURES FROM EACH PERSON WHO  
 8 EMPLOYS A LOBBYIST OR MAKES OTHER PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE  
 9 LEGISLATION; PROVIDING FOR THE AUDIT AND ENFORCEMENT OF  
 10 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING THAT THE PROPOSED ACT BE  
 11 SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA; AND  
 12 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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 14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

15       Section 1. Section 5-7-101, MCA, is amended to read:  
 16       "5-7-101. Purposes of chapter. The purposes of this  
 17 chapter are to promote a high standard of ethics in the  
 18 practice of lobbying; to prevent unfair and unethical  
 19 lobbying practices; and to provide for the licensing of  
 20 lobbyists and the suspension or revocation of the licenses,  
 21 and to require disclosure of the amounts of money expended  
 22 for lobbying."

23       Section 2. Section 5-7-102, MCA, is amended to read:  
 24       "5-7-102. Definitions. The following words and phrases  
 25 shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

1           (1) "Lobbying" means the practice of promoting or  
 2 ~~opposing the introduction or enactment of legislation before~~  
 3 ~~the legislature or the members thereof~~ communicating  
 4 ~~directly or soliciting others to communicate with any~~  
 5 ~~official in the legislative branch of state government for~~  
 6 ~~the purpose of influencing any legislative action~~ by any  
 7 person other than a member of the legislature or a public  
 8 official acting in his official capacity.

9           (2) "Lobbyist" means any person who engages in the  
 10 practice of lobbying for hire except in the manner  
 11 authorized by 5-7-304, or any person who makes no  
 12 expenditure not including payment of membership dues to  
 13 solicit others, either directly or by an advertising  
 14 campaign, to communicate directly with a legislator for the  
 15 purpose of influencing legislative action but excluding an  
 16 individual acting solely on his own behalf who does not  
 17 spend over \$50 for personal postage and telephone calls for  
 18 such solicitation. Lobbying for hire shall include  
 19 activities of any officers, agents, attorneys, or employees  
 20 of any principal who are paid a regular salary or retained  
 21 by such principal and whose duties include lobbying. When a  
 22 person is reimbursed only for his personal living and travel  
 23 expenses, which together do not exceed \$1,000 for any single  
 24 years he shall not be considered to be lobbying for hire.  
 25 Nothing in this section shall be construed to deprive any

1 citizen not lobbying for hire of his constitutional right to  
2 communicate with members of the legislature.

3 (3) "Unprofessional conduct" means:

4 (a) a violation of any of the provisions of this  
5 chapter;

6 (b) soliciting employment from any principal;

7 (c) instigating the introduction of legislation for  
8 the purpose of obtaining employment in opposition thereto;

9 (d) attempting to influence the vote of legislators on  
10 any measure pending or to be proposed by the promise of  
11 support or opposition at any future election, by any means  
12 other than argument on the merits thereof, or by making  
13 public any unsubstantiated charges of improper conduct on  
14 the part of any other lobbyist or of any legislator; or

15 (e) engaging in practices which reflect discredit on  
16 the practice of lobbying or the legislature.

17 ~~(4) "Person" means an individual, corporation,~~  
18 ~~association, firm, partnership, committee, club, or other~~  
19 ~~organization or group of persons.~~

20 ~~(4)(5) "Principal" means:~~

21 (a) any person ~~corporation or association which who~~  
22 ~~engages a lobbyist or other person in connection with~~  
23 ~~expends \$250 or more in a 3-month period to influence any~~  
24 ~~legislation pending before the legislature or to be proposed~~  
25 ~~affecting the pecuniary interest of such person~~

1 ~~corporation or association; or~~

2 (b) any board, department, commission, or other agency  
3 of the state, any county, or municipal corporation which  
4 engages a lobbyist or other ~~person in connection with~~  
5 ~~expends \$250 or more in a 3-month period to influence any~~  
6 ~~legislation pending or to be proposed affecting the~~  
7 ~~statutory powers, duties, or appropriation of such agency,~~  
8 ~~county, or municipal corporation.~~

9 ~~(5)(6) "Docket" means the register of licensed~~  
10 ~~lobbyists maintained by the secretary of state pursuant to~~  
11 ~~5-7-201.~~

12 ~~(6)(7) "Pecuniary interest" includes without~~  
13 ~~limitation any legislation which creates, alters, or repeals~~  
14 ~~any statutory charge by way of tax, license fee,~~  
15 ~~registration fee, or otherwise; which creates, alters, or~~  
16 ~~repeals any statutory privilege, power, restriction, or~~  
17 ~~obligation of any principal or any person from whom the~~  
18 ~~principal receives money for the purpose of procuring~~  
19 ~~lobbying services; or which creates, alters, or repeals the~~  
20 ~~powers or duties of any court or governmental agency before~~  
21 ~~which the principal does business.~~

22 ~~(8) "Legislative action" means the drafting,~~  
23 ~~introduction, consideration, amendment, enactment, or defeat~~  
24 ~~of a bill, resolution, report, nomination, or other matter~~  
25 ~~by either house of the legislature or a committee, select~~

1 committee, interim committee, or member of the legislature  
 2 or of a referendum, initiative, or constitutional amendment  
 3 by the people.

4 (9) "Payment" means a distribution, transfer, loan,  
 5 advance, deposit, gift, or other rendering of money,  
 6 property, services, or anything of value.

7 (10) "Payment to influence legislative action" means  
 8 any of the following types of payments:

9 (a) direct or indirect payment to a lobbyist, as  
 10 salary, fee, compensation for expenses, or for any other  
 11 purpose, by a principal;

12 (b) payment in support or assistance of a lobbyist or  
 13 his activities, including but not limited to the direct  
 14 payment of expenses incurred at the request or suggestion of  
 15 the lobbyist;

16 (c) payment for soliciting or urging other persons to  
 17 enter into direct communication with any elective state  
 18 officer or state agency."

19 Section 3. Section 5-7-203, MCA, is amended to read:

20 "5-7-203. Principal ~~name of lobbyist on docket~~  
 21 Registration of lobbyist. Except as provided in 5-7-304,  
 22 every principal who employs any lobbyist shall within 1 week  
 23 after such employment cause the name of said lobbyist to be  
 24 entered upon the docket. It shall also be the duty of the  
 25 any lobbyist who receives compensation of \$250 or more in a

1 3-month period from all sources, to enter his name upon the  
 2 docket. Upon the termination of such employment, such fact  
 3 may be entered opposite the name of the lobbyist either by  
 4 the lobbyist or the principal."

5 Section 4. Section 5-7-207, MCA, is amended to read:

6 "5-7-207. Report to legislature. Beginning with the  
 7 first week Tuesday following the beginning of any regular or  
 8 special session of the legislature and on every the first  
 9 Tuesday thereafter ~~for the duration of such of every month~~  
 10 thereafter during which the legislature is in session, the  
 11 secretary of state shall from his records report to each  
 12 house of the legislature the names of lobbyists registered  
 13 under this chapter, not previously reported, the names of  
 14 the persons whom they represent as such lobbyist, and the  
 15 subject of legislation in which they are interested."

16 Section 5. Section 5-7-301, MCA, is amended to read:

17 "5-7-301. Prohibition of practice without license and  
 18 registration. ~~(1)~~ No person may practice as a lobbyist  
 19 unless he has been licensed under 5-7-103 and unless he is  
 20 listed on the docket as employed in respect to such matters  
 21 as he is promoting or opposing.

22 ~~(2) No principal may directly or indirectly authorize~~  
 23 ~~or permit any lobbyist employed by him to practice lobbying~~  
 24 ~~in respect to any legislation affecting the pecuniary~~  
 25 ~~interest of the principal until the lobbyist is duly~~

~~licensed and the name of the lobbyist is duly entered on the docket"~~

**NEW SECTION.** Section 6. Activity reports. (1) Each principal shall file with the secretary of state between the 1st and 10th day of April, July, October, and January a report signed under penalty of perjury concerning his lobbying activities during the previous calendar quarter. If there has been no activity, no report is required. If the registrant is not an individual, an authorized officer or agent of the registrant shall sign the form. In addition, each registrant who attempts to influence legislative action shall file with the secretary of state between the 1st and 10th day of each month subsequent to each month that the legislature is in session a report concerning lobbying activities during the previous month. The report shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall include:

(a) a complete and current statement of the information required to be supplied under 5-7-203;

(b) total expenditures on lobbying. If expenditures are over \$250 a quarter, they shall be broken down into the following categories, according to the registrant's best estimate:

(i) compensation to others;

(ii) reimbursement to others;

(iii) office overhead, advertising, publication, and other expenses; and

(c) each expenditure, gift, honorarium, or political contribution of \$25 or more made by the registrant or anyone acting on behalf of the registrant to benefit an official in the legislature, a member of his staff or immediate family, or a campaign or testimonial committee established by the benefit of the official which shall be itemized by date, beneficiary, amount, and circumstances of the transaction; also, the aggregate of all such expenditures that are less than \$25.

(2) Each registrant shall obtain and preserve all accounts, bills, receipts, books, papers, and documents necessary to substantiate the activity reports required to be made pursuant to this section for 6 years from the date of filing of the report containing such items. These materials shall be made available for inspection upon request by the legislative auditor after reasonable notice.

Section 7. Repealer. Sections 5-7-206, 5-7-302, and 5-7-303, MCA, are repealed.

Section 8. Effective date. Sections 1 through 7 of this act are effective on January 1, 1981.

Section 9. Submission to electorate. The question of whether this act will become effective shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Montana at the general election

1 to be held November 4, 1980, by printing on the ballot the  
2 full title of this act and the following:

3  FOR requiring statements of actual expenditures from  
4 persons who employ lobbyists or who make other payments to  
5 influence legislation and providing for the audit and  
6 enforcement of reporting requirements.

7  AGAINST requiring statements of actual expenditures  
8 from persons who employ lobbyists or who make other payments  
9 to influence legislation and providing for the audit and  
10 enforcement of reporting requirements.

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State Administration

Objection Raised to  
Adverse Committee Report

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INTRODUCED BY WALDRON

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1 ~~together do not exceed \$1,000 for any single year~~, he shall  
 2 not be considered to be lobbying for hire. Nothing in this  
 3 section shall be construed to deprive any citizen not  
 4 lobbying for hire of his constitutional right to communicate  
 5 with members of the legislature OR ADMINISTRATION.

6 (3) "Unprofessional conduct" means:  
 7 (a) a violation of any of the provisions of this  
 8 chapter;

9 (b) soliciting employment from any principal;  
 10 (c) instigating the introduction of legislation for  
 11 the purpose of obtaining employment in opposition thereto;

12 (d) attempting to influence the vote of legislators on  
 13 any measure pending or to be proposed by the promise of  
 14 support or opposition at any future election, by any means  
 15 other than argument on the merits thereof, or by making  
 16 public any unsubstantiated charges of improper conduct on  
 17 the part of any other lobbyist or of any legislator OR ANY  
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 20 the practice of lobbying or the legislature OR THE  
 21 ADMINISTRATION.

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 24 organization or group of persons.

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 4 legislation pending before the legislature or to be proposed  
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 12 proposed affecting the statutory powers, duties, or  
 13 appropriation of such agency, county, or municipal  
 14 corporation.

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 16 lobbyists maintained by the secretary of state pursuant to  
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 19 limitation any legislation OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION which  
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 21 tax, license fee, registration fee, or otherwise; which  
 22 creates, alters, or repeals any statutory privilege, power,  
 23 restriction, or obligation of any principal or any person  
 24 from whom the principal receives money for the purpose of  
 25 procuring lobbying services; or which creates, alters, or



1 repeals the powers or duties of any court or governmental  
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10 ~~(9) "ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION" MEANS ANY DECISION ON OR~~  
11 ~~PROPOSAL, CONSIDERATION, ENACTMENT, DEFEAT, OR TAKING OF ANY~~  
12 ~~RULE, REGULATION, OR OTHER OFFICIAL NONMINISTERIAL ACTION OR~~  
13 ~~NONACTION BY ANY EXECUTIVE AGENCY OR ANY MATTER WHICH IS~~  
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15 ~~(10) "Payment" means a distribution, transfer, loan,~~  
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4 ~~enter into direct communication with any elective state~~  
5 ~~officer or state agency."~~

6 ~~SECTION 3. SECTION 5-7-103, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:~~

7 ~~"5-7-103. Licenses -- fees -- eligibility. (1) Any~~  
8 ~~adult of good moral character who is a citizen of the United~~  
9 ~~States and who is otherwise qualified under this chapter may~~  
10 ~~be licensed as a lobbyist. The secretary of state shall~~  
11 ~~provide a license application form. The application form may~~  
12 ~~be obtained in the office of the secretary of state and~~  
13 ~~filed therein. Upon approval of the application by the~~  
14 ~~secretary of state and payment of the license fee of \$10 to~~  
15 ~~the secretary of state, a license shall be issued which~~  
16 ~~entitles the licensee to practice lobbying on behalf of one~~  
17 ~~or more principals. Each license shall expire on December~~  
18 ~~31 of each odd-numbered ~~even-numbered~~ year.~~

19 ~~(2) No application may be disapproved without~~  
20 ~~affording the applicant a hearing. The hearing shall be held~~  
21 ~~and the decision entered within 10 days of the date of the~~  
22 ~~filing of the application.~~

23 ~~(3) The license fees collected by the secretary of~~  
24 ~~state under this chapter shall be deposited by him in the~~  
25 ~~state treasury."~~

1 Section 4. Section 5-7-203, MCA, is amended to read:

2 "5-7-203. ~~Principal-----name--of--lobbyist--on--docket~~  
 3 Registration of lobbyist. Except as provided in 5-7-304,  
 4 every principal who employs any lobbyist shall within 1 week  
 5 after such employment cause the name of said lobbyist to be  
 6 entered upon the docket. It shall also be the duty of the  
 7 ~~any lobbyist who receives compensation of \$250 or more in a~~  
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13 "5-7-207. Report to legislature. Beginning with the  
 14 ~~first week--Tuesday--following--the--beginning--DAY~~ of any  
 15 regular or special session of the legislature and on every  
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 17 every month EACH DAY thereafter during which the legislature  
 18 is in session, the secretary of state shall from his records  
 19 report to each house of the legislature the names of  
 20 lobbyists registered under this chapter, not previously  
 21 reported, the names of the persons whom they represent as  
 22 such lobbyist, and the subject of legislation in which they  
 23 are interested."

24 Section 6. Section 5-7-301, MCA, is amended to read:

25 "5-7-301. Prohibition of practice without license and

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 2 unless he has been licensed under 5-7-103 and unless he is  
 3 listed on the docket as employed in respect to such matters  
 4 as he is promoting or opposing.

5 ~~{2}--No principal may directly or indirectly--authorize~~  
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 7 ~~in--respect--to--any--legislation--effecting--the--pecuniary~~  
 8 ~~interest--of--the--principal--until--the--lobbyist--is--duly~~  
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11 NEW SECTION. Section 7. Activity reports. (1) Each  
 12 principal shall file with the secretary of state between the  
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 17 MUST BE FILED SO STATING. If the registrant PRINCIPAL is  
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21 the transaction; also, the aggregate of all such  
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2 from the date of filing of the report containing such items.  
3 These materials shall be made available for inspection upon  
4 request by the legislative auditor SECRETARY OF STATE after  
5 reasonable notice.

6 (3) A PRINCIPAL NEED NOT FILE A REPORT CONCERNING ANY  
7 SINGLE EXPENDITURE OF LESS THAN \$1 FOR FOOD OR BEVERAGE.

8 (4) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN  
9 ALL REPORTS 6 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF FILING THE REPORT.

10 (5) EACH CONTRIBUTION OR MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$100 OR  
11 MORE, IN THE AGGREGATE, DURING THE PRECEDING 12 MONTHS PAID  
12 TO THE PRINCIPAL, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT WAS PAID SOLELY  
13 FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOBBYING, SHALL BE ITEMIZED BY DATE, THE  
14 NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PAYER, AMOUNT, AND THE ISSUE AREA  
15 FOR WHICH THE CONTRIBUTION WAS FARMARKED, IF ANY; ALSO, THE  
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17 Section 8. Repealer. Sections 5-7-206, 5-7-302, and  
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3 influence legislation and providing for the audit and  
4 enforcement of reporting requirements.
- 5      AGAINST requiring statements of actual expenditures  
6 from persons who employ lobbyists or who make other payments  
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