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1 AN ACT Relating to lobbying restrictions; and amending RCW
2 42.17.230.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.230 and 1987 c 201 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 A person required to register as a lobbyist under this chapter
7 shall also have the following obligations, the violation of which shall
8 constitute cause for revocation of his registration, and may subject
9 such person, and such person's employer, if such employer aids, abets,
10 ratifies, or confirms any such act, to other civil liabilities, as
11 provided by this chapter:

12 (1) Such persons shall obtain and preserve all accounts, bills,
13 receipts, books, papers, and documents necessary to substantiate the
14 financial reports required to be made under this chapter for a period
15 of at least five years from the date of the filing of the statement
16 containing such items, which accounts, bills, receipts, books, papers,
17 and documents shall be made available for inspection by the commission
18 at any time: PROVIDED, That if a lobbyist is required under the terms

1 of his employment contract to turn any records over to his employer,
2 responsibility for the preservation of such records under this
3 subsection shall rest with such employer.

4 (2) In addition, a person required to register as a lobbyist shall
5 not:

6 (a) Engage in any activity as a lobbyist before registering as
7 such;

8 (b) Knowingly deceive or attempt to deceive any legislator as to
9 any fact pertaining to any pending or proposed legislation;

10 (c) Cause or influence the introduction of any bill or amendment
11 thereto for the purpose of thereafter being employed to secure its
12 defeat;

13 (d) Knowingly represent an interest adverse to any of his employers
14 without first obtaining such employer's written consent thereto after
15 full disclosure to such employer of such adverse interest;

16 (e) Exercise any undue influence, extortion, or unlawful
17 retaliation upon any legislator by reason of such legislator's position
18 with respect to, or his vote upon, any pending or proposed legislation;

19 (f) Enter into any agreement, arrangement, or understanding
20 according to which his or her compensation, or any portion thereof, is
21 or will be contingent upon the success of any attempt to influence
22 legislation;

23 (g) Threaten any legislator, or any government official, with the
24 relocation of manufacturing jobs including, but not limited to, jobs
25 involving commercial airplane manufacturing, based upon the outcome of
26 any pending or proposed legislation.

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