

# Lobbying in Pennsylvania

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**Paid Effort to  
Influence**

**Legislative  
Action**

**Administrative  
Action**

# WHAT IS LOBBYING in Pennsylvania ?

## **Influence?**

- Support
- Initiate
- Influence
- Advance
- Delay
- Modify
- Oppose
- Etc.

**Paid Effort to Influence**

## **Legislative**


- Budget
- Bills
- Resolutions
- Any matter before the general assembly

## **Administrative**

- PA Department of Education
- Lieutenant Governor
- Regulations

**Legislative AND Administrative Action**

## IRS: Not Lobbying

 **DMGS** @DMGSLLC · Jun 3

Raising the **minimum wage** in Pennsylvania is getting its most serious discussion since Democratic Gov. Tom **Wolf** began calling for an increase in 2015 and, for that matter, since the federal **minimum wage** was last increased in 2009, lawmakers say



**Minimum-wage hike in Pennsylvania could be coming**  
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## PA: Lobbying

## IRS: Lobbying



**Pat LaMarche** @PatHLaMarche · 10 Nov 2016

**Tell @GovernorTomWolf: Veto** the police secrecy bill! [bit.ly/2dODSs8](http://bit.ly/2dODSs8) via @ACLUPA

WRITE TO **GOV. WOLF**



## PA: Lobbying

Types of  
Lobbyists

Direct  
Lobbying

Grassroots  
Lobbying

Reporting  
Expenditures

# Rules for Registering and Reporting



- Principals
  - Any individual, firm, association, etc. that hires a lobbying firm or lobbyist, or lobbies on its own behalf.
- Lobbyists
  - Any individual, firm, association, etc. that lobbies for someone else for economic consideration (money).
  - **This includes nonprofit employees.**
- Lobbying Firms
  - An entity that engages in lobbying for economic consideration on behalf of a principal other than itself.

## Types of Lobbyists

Any effort (written, oral, etc.) made by a lobbyist or a principal directed at a State official or employee to influence legislative or administrative action.

**Direct Lobbying**

Indirect communications include any effort, whether written, oral or by any other medium, to encourage others, including the general public, to take action, the purpose or foreseeable effect of which is to directly influence legislative action or administration action

Does **not** include regularly published periodic newsletters primarily designed for and distributed to members of a bona fide association or charitable or fraternal nonprofit corporation.

# Grassroots Lobbying

- Registration is biennial - \$300.
- Principals – within 10 days of spending \$3,000 on lobbying expenditures during a quarterly period.
- Lobbyists and Lobbying Firms – within 10 days of receiving \$3,000 from a lobbying principal
  - Lobbyist Exceptions:
    - Less than 20 hours of lobbying on behalf of your employer in a quarter.
    - Testimony is solely before a committee of the General Assembly or an agency proceeding.
    - Represent a bona fide church or religious body of which the individual is a member if lobbying solely to protect the constitutional right to the free exercise of religion.

**Registering?**

- Principals?
  - Quarterly
  - 30 days after calendar quarter
  - Even if no expenses
  - Expenses broken down by gifts, direct lobbying, and grassroots lobbying.
  - Lobbyists employed by Principal **do not** have to file separately.
- Lobbyists?
  - A lobbying firm, or a lobbyist not associated with a lobbying firm, must file a quarterly report only a) if the compensation they received from lobbying exceeds \$3,000; and b) if the lobbying firm or lobbyist engaged in lobbying that was not contained in any expense report filed by a principal.
  - **So generally, nonprofit employees do not have to file separately.**

**Reporting?**



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**QUESTIONS?**