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## **SB 1757**

Introduced by  
Senator Carroll

### AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 41, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTIONS 41-4259 AND 41-4260; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 41, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding sections 41-4259 and 41-4260, to read:

4 41-4259. Duty to register; foreign principles; lobbyists;  
5 violation; classification; enforcement; fees;  
6 definitions

7 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL SHALL SUBMIT  
8 TO THE DEPARTMENT A COPY OF THE FOREIGN PRINCIPAL'S LOBBYING REGISTRATION  
9 AND A LIST OF THE FOREIGN PRINCIPAL'S CURRENT LOBBYISTS PURSUANT TO  
10 SECTION 41-1232.

11 B. EACH FOREIGN PRINCIPAL SHALL REREGISTER NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M.  
12 ON THE SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY OF EACH ODD-NUMBERED YEAR UNLESS AT THAT  
13 TIME THE FOREIGN PRINCIPAL NO LONGER ENGAGES, EMPLOYS, RETAINS OR USES ANY  
14 LOBBYIST. BEGINNING DECEMBER 1 OF EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR, A FOREIGN  
15 PRINCIPAL SHALL FILE ITS REGISTRATION AT ANY TIME. EACH FOREIGN PRINCIPAL  
16 SHALL AMEND ITS REGISTRATION STATEMENT WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER ANY  
17 CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

18 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST PUBLICLY ON ITS WEBSITE A DATABASE OF  
19 ALL FOREIGN PRINCIPALS AND EACH FOREIGN PRINCIPAL'S LOBBYISTS IN THIS  
20 STATE.

21 D. A PERSON WHO IS A DESIGNATED LOBBYIST, LOBBYIST FOR COMPENSATION  
22 OR AUTHORIZED LOBBYIST FOR A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL IN THIS STATE SHALL  
23 DISCLOSE THAT FACT TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

24 1. ANY LEGISLATOR THE PERSON IS LOBBYING FOR THE FIRST TIME OR ON  
25 ANY SUBSEQUENT REQUEST OF A LEGISLATOR.

26 2. ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF A PUBLIC BODY EACH TIME THE  
27 PERSON IS LOBBYING FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS, SERVICES OR  
28 CONSTRUCTION IN THIS STATE. THE PERSON SHALL ALSO DISCLOSE THE NAME OF  
29 THAT PERSON'S CLIENT.

30 E. A PERSON IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR IF EITHER OF THE  
31 FOLLOWING OCCURS:

32 1. A PERSON KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THIS SECTION.

33 2. A PERSON KNOWINGLY SUBMITS ANY INFORMATION PRESCRIBED IN THIS  
34 SECTION THAT CONTAINS ANY MATERIALLY FALSE STATEMENT OR MATERIAL OMISSION.

35 F. ANY ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY BE INVESTIGATED AND  
36 PROSECUTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY  
37 IN WHICH THE ALLEGED OFFENSE OCCURRED.

38 G. THE DIRECTOR SHALL:

39 1. PRESCRIBE AND PUBLISH THE REGISTRATION AND REGISTRATION  
40 AMENDMENT FORMS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

41 2. REFER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR COUNTY ATTORNEY TO INVESTIGATE  
42 ANY MATTER IN WHICH THE DIRECTOR HAS REASON TO BELIEVE CONSTITUTES A  
43 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

44 H. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT RULES, DEVELOP FORMS AND IMPLEMENT  
45 PROCEDURES AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

1 I. EACH FOREIGN PRINCIPAL THAT REGISTERS A LOBBYIST FOR  
2 COMPENSATION OR A DESIGNATED LOBBYIST WHO RECEIVES COMPENSATION FOR  
3 LOBBYING FROM THE FOREIGN PRINCIPAL, AT THE TIME OF REGISTERING OR  
4 REREGISTERING, SHALL PAY A REGISTRATION OR REREGISTRATION FEE SET BY THE  
5 DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEPOSIT, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35-146 AND  
6 35-147, REGISTRATION AND REREGISTRATION FEES COLLECTED IN THE FOREIGN  
7 PRINCIPAL LOBBYIST REGISTRATION FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 41-4260.

8 J. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

9 1. "AUTHORIZED LOBBYIST" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION  
10 41-1231.

11 2. "DESIGNATED LOBBYIST" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION  
12 41-1231.

13 3. "FOREIGN PRINCIPAL" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

14 (a) A GOVERNMENT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

15 (b) A FOREIGN POLITICAL PARTY.

16 (c) A PERSON OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES, UNLESS IT IS ESTABLISHED  
17 THAT THE PERSON IS AN INDIVIDUAL AND A CITIZEN OF AND DOMICILED WITHIN THE  
18 UNITED STATES, OR THAT THE PERSON IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL AND IS ORGANIZED  
19 UNDER OR CREATED BY THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF ANY STATE OR OTHER  
20 PLACE SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND HAS ITS  
21 PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES.

22 (d) A PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, ORGANIZATION OR OTHER  
23 COMBINATION OF PERSONS ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF, OR HAVING ITS  
24 PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN, A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

25 (e) A PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, ORGANIZATION OR OTHER  
26 COMBINATION OF PERSONS THAT IS AT LEAST THIRTY PERCENT OWNED BY A  
27 PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, ORGANIZATION OR OTHER COMBINATION  
28 OF PERSONS ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF, OR HAVING ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF  
29 BUSINESS IN, A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

30 4. "LOBBYIST" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 41-1231.

31 5. "LOBBYIST FOR COMPENSATION" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN  
32 SECTION 41-1231.

33 41-4260. Foreign principal lobbyist registration fund

34 THE FOREIGN PRINCIPAL LOBBYIST REGISTRATION FUND IS ESTABLISHED  
35 CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS AND FEES COLLECTED BY THE  
36 DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-4259. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER  
37 THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION AND  
38 ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF  
39 APPROPRIATIONS.

40 Sec. 2. Exemption from rulemaking

41 Notwithstanding any other law, for the purposes of this act, the  
42 Arizona department of homeland security is exempt from the rulemaking  
43 requirements of title 41, chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, for one  
44 year after the effective date of this act.