

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

SUFFOLK, ss.

COMMISSION ADJUDICATORY  
DOCKET NO. 14-0003

IN THE MATTER

OF

DEMETRIUS ATSALIS

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

1. The State Ethics Commission is authorized to enforce G.L. c. 268B, the Financial Disclosure Law, and in that regard to initiate and conduct adjudicatory proceedings.
2. On January 16, 2014, the Commission found reasonable cause to believe that Demetrius Atsalis violated G.L. c. 268B, § 5 and authorized the initiation of adjudicatory proceedings.
3. Atsalis, a resident of West Hyannisport, served as an elected State Representative for more than 30 days in 2012.
4. Having served as an elected public official for more than 30 days in 2012, Atsalis was required to file a Statement of Financial Interests ("SFI") for calendar year 2012 in accordance with G.L. c. 268B.
5. Atsalis' SFI for 2012 was required to be filed by May 28, 2013, in accordance with G.L. c. 268B.
6. Atsalis did not file an SFI on or before May 28, 2013. On June 5, 2013, the Commission sent by first class mail a Formal Notice of Lateness ("Notice") to Atsalis. The

Notice advised Atsalis that his SFI had not been filed and was, therefore, delinquent. The Notice further advised Atsalis that failure to file his 2012 SFI within 10 days of receipt of the Notice would result in the imposition of civil penalties. The Commission allows three days for receipt of the Notice if sent by first class mail. Therefore, Atsalis would not have incurred a civil penalty if he had filed his SFI by June 18, 2013.

7. Atsalis filed an SFI with the Commission on August 19, 2013.

8. Atsalis failed to timely file his SFI after receiving the Notice, and, therefore, violated G.L. c. 268B, § 5.

9. General Laws c. 268B, § 4 authorizes the Commission to impose a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 for each violation of c. 268B. The Commission has adopted the following civil penalty schedule for SFIs filed more than 10 days after the receipt of the Notice.

1-10 days late	\$100
11-20 days late	\$200
21-30 days late	\$300
31-40 days late	\$400
41-50 days late	\$500
51-60 days late	\$600
61-70 days late	\$700
71-80 days late	\$800
81-90 days late	\$900
91-100 days late	\$1,000
101- 110 days late	\$1,100
111-120 days late	\$1,200
121 days to the day before an Order to Show Cause is issued	\$1,250
The date an Order to Show Cause is issued to the day before a Decision and Order is issued by the Commission	\$2,500
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10. Atsalis' SFI was 62 days late, and based on the Commission's fine schedule for late submission of an SFI, the civil penalty is \$700.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner asks that the Commission:

- a) find that Demetrius Atsalis violated G.L. c. 268B, § 5 by failing to file his 2012 SFI within ten (10) days of receiving the Formal Notice of Lateness; and
- b) impose a \$700 civil penalty pursuant to G.L. c. 268B, § 4(j) and the Commission's civil penalty schedule.

Respectfully submitted,  
Petitioner State Ethics Commission  
By its attorney,

Date: March 6, 2014

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