

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3208**

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to clarify disclosure requirements for lobbyists. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT CLARIFYING DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR LOBBYISTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 39 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 striking, in lines 110 and 128, the word “fifty” in each instance and  
4 in the definition of the term “legislative agent” and inserting in each  
5 instance in place thereof the following:— “25”

1 SECTION 2. Section 43 of said Chapter 3, as so appearing, is  
2 hereby amended by striking, in lines 1 to 3, the following—  
3 “On or before the fifteenth day of July, complete from January  
4 first through June thirtieth; and the fifteenth day of January, com-  
5 plete from July first to December thirty-first of the preceding year”  
6 and inserting in place there of the following:—  
7 On or before the fifteenth day of May, complete from January  
8 first through April thirtieth; on or before the fifteenth day of August,  
9 complete from May first through July thirtieth and the fifteenth day  
10 of January, complete from July first to December thirty-first of the  
11 preceding year.

1 SECTION 3. Section 43 of said Chapter 3, as so appearing, is  
2 hereby further amended by inserting after the first paragraph the  
3 following paragraph:—

4 Each report shall also contain an un-itemized statement of office  
5 overhead, such as rent, utilities, taxes and similar expenses. For  
6 executive and legislative agents who engage in lobbying as their  
7 principle business all such expenses incurred shall be reported.  
8 Executive and legislative agents who engage in lobbying as only  
9 part of their business shall report all such expenses incurred on a  
10 pro-rata basis in one of the following percentages, 75%, 50%, 25%  
11 or 10%. For executive and legislative agents employed by lobbying  
12 organizations, said organization shall report office overhead as  
13 required by section 44.

1 SECTION 4. Section 43 of said Chapter 3, as so appearing, is  
2 hereby further amended by striking the second sentence of the third  
3 paragraph and inserting in place there of the following:—

4 The disclosure shall be required regardless of whether the execu-  
5 tive or legislative agent specifically referenced the bill number while  
6 acting to promote, oppose or influence legislation, and shall be as  
7 complete as practicable.

1 SECTION 5. Section 44 of said Chapter 3, as so appearing, is  
2 hereby amended by striking, in lines 1 to 3, the following:—

3 “On or before the fifteenth day of July, complete from January  
4 first through June thirtieth; and the fifteenth day of January, com-  
5 plete from July first to December thirty-first of the preceding year”  
6 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

7 On or before the fifteenth day of May, complete from January  
8 first through April thirtieth; on or before the fifteenth day of August,  
9 complete from May first through July thirtieth; and the fifteenth day  
10 of January, complete from July first to December thirty-first of the  
11 preceding year.

1 SECTION 6 Section 44 of said Chapter 3, as so appearing, is  
2 hereby further amended by inserting, in line 28, after the word  
3 “payee.” the following:—

4 Each report shall also contain an un-itemized statement of office  
5 overhead, such as rent, utilities, taxes and similar expenses. For

6 organizations who engage in lobbying as their principle business all  
7 such expenses incurred shall be reported. Organizations that engage  
8 in lobbying as only part of their business shall report all such  
9 expenses incurred on a pro-rata basis in one of the following per-  
10 centages, 75%, 50%, 25% or 10%.