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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, an individual who meets  
9 specified criteria is required to register with the  
10 Ethics Commission as a lobbyist by January 31 of  
11 each year or within 10 days after commencing  
12 qualifying activity as a lobbyist.

13 The bill would prevent any individual  
14 convicted of a felony in federal court or the court  
15 of any state from registering as a lobbyist.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to lobbying, to amend Section 36-25-18,  
22 Code of Alabama 1975, to prevent an individual convicted of a  
23 felony from registering as a lobbyist unless specified  
24 conditions are met.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 36-25-18 of the Code of Alabama  
27 1975, is amended to read as follows:

1           "§36-25-18.

2           "(a) Every lobbyist shall register by filing a form  
3 prescribed by the commission no later than January 31 of each  
4 year or within 10 days after the first undertaking requiring  
5 such registration. Each lobbyist, except public employees who  
6 are lobbyists, shall pay an annual fee of one hundred dollars  
7 (\$100) on or before January 31 of each year or within 10 days  
8 of the first undertaking requiring such registration.

9           "(b) The registration shall be in writing and shall  
10 contain the following information:

11           "(1) The registrant's full name and business  
12 address.

13           "(2) The registrant's normal business and address.

14           "(3) The full name and address of the registrant's  
15 principal or principals.

16           "(4) The listing of the categories of subject  
17 matters on which the registrant is to communicate directly  
18 with a member of the legislative body to influence legislation  
19 or legislative action.

20           "(5) If a registrant's activity is done on behalf of  
21 the members of a group other than a corporation, a categorical  
22 disclosure of the number of persons of the group as follows:  
23 1-5; 6-10; 11-25; over 25.

24           "(6) A statement signed by each principal that he or  
25 she has read the registration, knows its contents and has  
26 authorized the registrant to be a lobbyist in his or her  
27 behalf as specified therein, and that no compensation will be

1 paid to the registrant contingent upon passage or defeat of  
2 any legislative measure.

3 "(c) A registrant shall file a supplemental  
4 registration indicating any substantial change or changes in  
5 the information contained in the prior registration within 10  
6 days after the date of the change.

7 "(d) An individual who was not registered as a  
8 lobbyist prior to the effective date of the act adding this  
9 subsection and has been convicted of a felony in federal court  
10 or a court of any state for an act occurring prior to, on, or  
11 after the effective date of the act adding this subsection may  
12 not register as a lobbyist unless the individual is no longer  
13 on supervised or unsupervised probation, has paid all fines,  
14 court costs, and restitution, and has had his or her voting  
15 rights restored. "

16 Section 2. The provisions of this act are severable.  
17 If any part of this act is declared invalid or  
18 unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part  
19 which remains.

20 Section 3. This act shall become effective  
21 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
22 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.