

**351—8.12(68B) Request for waiver of penalty.** An executive branch lobbyist or an executive branch lobbyist client that believes there are mitigating circumstances that prevented the timely filing of a report may make a written request to the board for waiver of the penalty. The board must receive the request for waiver within 30 days of the lobbyist's or lobbyist client's being notified of the civil penalty assessment. Waivers will be granted only for exceptional or very unusual circumstances.

The board will review the request and issue a waiver or denial of the request. If a waiver is granted, the board will determine how much of the penalty is waived based on the circumstances. If a denial or partial waiver is issued, the person shall promptly pay the assessed penalty or request a contested case proceeding pursuant to rule 351—8.13(68B) to appeal the board's decision.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 68B.32A(4) and 68B.32A(8).