

351—8.7(68B) Lobbyist registration required.

8.7(1) *Time of filing.* Any individual engaging in executive branch lobbying activity shall register by filing an executive branch lobbyist registration statement with the board on or before the day the lobbying activity begins. Registration expires upon the commencement of a new calendar year. Persons wishing to register for a new calendar year may do so on or after December 1 of the previous year.

8.7(2) *Place of filing.* Executive branch lobbyist registration statements shall be filed with the board at 510 East 12th Street, Suite 1A, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Registration statements may also be filed by fax at (515)281-3701 or electronically through the board's Web site at www.iowa.gov/ethics.

8.7(3) *Information required.* The following information shall be disclosed on the executive branch lobbyist registration statement:

a. The lobbyist's name and business address. The lobbyist's residential address and E-mail address are optional. The lobbyist shall indicate whether mail should be sent to the lobbyist's office or residence.

b. A general description of the issues or interests that the lobbyist might follow and a list of agencies or offices that may be lobbied.

c. Whether or not the lobbyist is a governmental official representing the official position of the lobbyist's department, agency, or governmental entity.

d. Each of the lobbyist's clients, including the name and address of the client, a contact person and job title, and the contact person's telephone number. An E-mail address is optional.

e. The lobbyist's signature and date of filing. Registration statements filed electronically through the board's Web site are deemed signed and dated when filed.

8.7(4) *Government employee authorization letter.* As required by Iowa Code section 68B.36(5), all federal, state, and local officials or employees representing the official positions of their departments, commissions, boards, or agencies shall submit with their registration statements letters of authorization from their department or agency heads. Federal, state, and local officials who wish to lobby in opposition to the official position of their departments, commissions, boards, or agencies shall disclose this fact on their lobbyist registration statements.

8.7(5) *Amendment to registration.* Any change or addition to the information in an executive branch lobbyist's registration statement shall be filed with the board within ten days after the change or addition is made known to the lobbyist. The lobbyist may file changes or additions by submitting an amended registration statement or by letter. If the lobbyist submits the changes or additions by letter, the letter shall contain sufficient information to notify the public and the board of the change or addition.

8.7(6) *Cancellation.* If a lobbyist's service on behalf of a client is concluded prior to the end of the calendar year, the lobbyist or client may cancel the registration and terminate the reporting requirements of Iowa Code section 68B.37 and rule 351—8.8(68B) so long as compliance with subrule 8.8(4) is achieved. Cancellation may be completed by the filing of an executive branch lobbyist termination statement or by letter.

8.7(7) *Failure to timely file registration.* An individual who fails to file an executive branch lobbyist registration statement before engaging in executive branch lobbying is in violation of Iowa Code section 68B.36 and is subject to the possible imposition of board sanctions.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 68B.36.