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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Metz offered the following:

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3 **Amendment**

4 Remove lines 254-302 and insert:

5 (d) The reports shall be filed with the office by
6 electronic means as provided in s. 11.0455 no later than the
7 10th day of each month. However, if the 10th day of the month
8 occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the report shall
9 be filed no later than the next following day that is not a
10 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. The reports shall be
11 rendered in the identical form provided by the respective houses
12 and shall be open to public inspection.

13 (e) The reports shall be filed even if the reporting
14 lobbying firm did not engage in any lobbying activities

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15 requiring disclosure, in which case the report shall be marked
16 "not applicable."

17 (f) Each house of the Legislature shall provide by rule,
18 or both houses may provide by joint rule, a procedure by which a
19 lobbying firm that fails to timely file a report is notified and
20 assessed fines. The rule must provide the following:

21 1. Upon determining that the report is late, the office
22 shall immediately notify the lobbying firm as to the failure to
23 timely file the report and that a fine is being assessed for
24 each late day. The fine shall be \$50 per day per report for each
25 late day, not to exceed \$5,000 per report.

26 2. Upon receipt of the report, the office shall determine
27 the amount of the fine due based upon when a report is actually
28 received by the office.

29 3. Such fine must be paid within 30 days after the notice
30 of payment due is transmitted by the office, unless appeal is
31 made to the office. The moneys shall be deposited into the
32 Legislative Lobbyist Registration Trust Fund.

33 4. A fine may not be assessed against a lobbying firm the
34 first time any reports for which the lobbying firm is
35 responsible are not timely filed. However, to receive the one-
36 time fine waiver, all reports for which the lobbying firm is
37 responsible must be filed within 30 days after notice of failure
38 to file is transmitted by the Lobbyist Registration Office. A
39 fine shall be assessed for any subsequent late-filed reports.

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40 5. Any lobbying firm may appeal or dispute a fine, based
41 upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on
42 the designated due date, and may request and is entitled to a
43 hearing before the General Counsel of the Office of Legislative
44 Services, who shall recommend to the President of the Senate and
45 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or their respective
46 designees, that the fine be waived in whole or in part for good
47 cause shown. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
48 House of Representatives, or their respective designees, may
49 concur in the recommendation and waive the fine in whole or in
50 part. Any such request must be made within 30 days after the
51 notice of payment due is transmitted by the office. In such
52 case, the lobbying firm shall, within the 30-day period, notify
53 the office in

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