

HOUSE No. 3502

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act clarifying disclosure requirements for lobbyists.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Robert S. Hargraves	1st Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3208 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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 appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking, in lines 110 and 128, the word “fifty” in each instance
3 and inserting in each instance in place thereof the following:- “25”

4 SECTION 2: Section 43 of said chapter 3, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby
5 amended by striking, in lines 1 to 3, the following:- “On or before the fifteenth day of July,
6 complete from January first through June thirtieth; and the fifteenth day of January, complete
7 from July first to December thirty-first of the preceding year” and inserting in place there of the
8 following:--

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

13 SECTION 3: Section 43 of said chapter 3, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby
14 amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:--

15 Each report shall also contain an un-itemized statement of office overhead, such as rent,
16 utilities, taxes and similar expenses. For executive and legislative agents who engage in
17 lobbying as their principle business all such expenses incurred shall be reported. Executive and
18 legislative agents who engage in lobbying as only part of their business shall report all such
19 expenses incurred on a pro-rata basis in one of the following percentages, 75%, 50%, 25% or
20 10%. For executive and legislative agents employed by lobbying organizations, said organization
21 shall report office overhead as required by section 44.

22 SECTION 5: Section 43 of said chapter 3, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby
23 amended by striking the second sentence of the third paragraph and inserting in place there of the
24 following:-

25 The disclosure shall be required regardless of whether the executive or legislative agent
26 specifically referenced the bill number while acting to promote, oppose or influence
27 legislation, and shall be as complete as practicable.

28 SECTION 6: Section 44 of said chapter 3, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby
29 amended, by striking, in lines 1 to 3, the following:- “On or before the fifteenth day of July,
30 complete from January first through June thirtieth; and the fifteenth day of January, complete
31 from July first to December thirty-first of the preceding year” and inserting in place thereof the
32 following:--

33 On or before the fifteenth day of May, complete from January first through April
34 thirtieth; on or before the fifteenth day of August, complete from May first through July thirtieth;

35 and the fifteenth day of January, complete from July first to December thirty-first of the
36 preceding year.

37 SECTION 7: Section 44 of said chapter 3, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby
38 amended by inserting, in line 28, after the word “payee.” the following:--

39 Each report shall also contain an un-itemized statement of office overhead, such as rent,
40 utilities, taxes and similar expenses. For organizations who engage in lobbying as their principle
41 business all such expenses incurred shall be reported. Organizations that engage in lobbying as
42 only part of their business shall report all such expenses incurred on a pro-rata basis in one of the
43 following percentages, 75%, 50%, 25% or 10%.