



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5504**

LCO No. 1921

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL LOBBYING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1-91 of the 2008 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) "Administrative action" means any action or nonaction of any  
5 executive agency of the state or political subdivision of the state with  
6 respect to the proposal, drafting, development, consideration,  
7 amendment, adoption or repeal of any rule, ordinance, regulation or  
8 utility rate, and any action or nonaction of any executive agency or  
9 quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-79 of the 2008 supplement  
10 to the general statutes, regarding a contract, grant, award, purchasing  
11 agreement, loan, bond, certificate, license, permit or any other matter  
12 which is within the official jurisdiction or cognizance of such an  
13 agency.

14 Sec. 2. Subsections (j) and (k) of section 1-91 of the 2008 supplement  
15 to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in

16 lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

17 (j) "Legislative action" means introduction, sponsorship,  
18 consideration, debate, amendment, passage, defeat, approval, veto,  
19 overriding of a veto or any other official action or nonaction with  
20 regard to any bill, resolution, amendment, nomination, appointment,  
21 report, or any other matter pending or proposed in a committee or in  
22 either house of the legislature or before the legislative body of a  
23 political subdivision of the state, or any matter which is within the  
24 official jurisdiction or cognizance of the legislature or the legislative  
25 body of a political subdivision of the state.

26 (k) "Lobbying" means communicating directly or soliciting others to  
27 communicate with any official or his staff in the legislative or executive  
28 branch of government, [or] in a quasi-public agency or in any political  
29 subdivision of the state, for the purpose of influencing any legislative  
30 or administrative action except that the term "lobbying" does not  
31 include (1) communications by or on behalf of a party to, or an  
32 intervenor in, a contested case, as described in regulations adopted by  
33 the commission in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, before  
34 an executive agency or a quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-  
35 79 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, (2) communications  
36 by a representative of a vendor or by an employee of the registered  
37 client lobbyist which representative or employee acts as a salesperson  
38 and does not otherwise engage in lobbying regarding any  
39 administrative action, (3) communications by an attorney made while  
40 engaging in the practice of law and regarding any matter other than  
41 legislative action as defined in subsection (j) of this section or the  
42 proposal, drafting, development, consideration, amendment, adoption  
43 or repeal of any rule, ordinance, referendum, budget or regulation, [or]  
44 (4) notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (3) of this subsection,  
45 communications by an attorney, made while engaging in the practice  
46 of law, with any official or staff of any agency of any political  
47 subdivision of the state having responsibility for planning or zoning  
48 decisions made pursuant to chapter 124 and inland wetlands decisions

49 made pursuant to chapter 440 or the legislative body of any political  
50 subdivision of the state, concerning legislative action or the proposal,  
51 drafting, development, consideration, amendment, adoption or repeal  
52 of any rule, regulation, ordinance, referendum or budget, with regard  
53 to a land use matter before such agency or legislative body, (5)  
54 communications by any expert witness in any matter described in  
55 subdivision (3) or (4) of this subsection, or (6) other communications  
56 exempted by regulations adopted by the commission in accordance  
57 with the provisions of chapter 54.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-91(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	1-91(j) and (k)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require municipal lobbyists to register and file certain disclosures with the Office of State Ethics.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*