time frames and limits within the administrative appeal process in which a party must bring a claim against or seek reconsideration of a decision of the State Employees Retirement Commission or the Medical Examining Board.

Statement of purpose: To establish and impose time limits within which a party must bring a claim against, give notice of a claim to, provide requested information or seek reconsideration of a decision of the State Employees Retirement Commission or the Medical Examining Board. These limits would create an incentive for claimants to bring their claim in a timely fashion, prevent the filing of old claims for which evidence has been lost by the passage of time and provide for timely adjudication of such claim.

The proposed provisions are summarized as follows:

(1) There will be a six year statute of limitations to bring an action to recover at law or in equity under the State Employee Retirement System (SERS) or any of the retirement systems administered, supervised or managed by the State Employees Retirement Commission (''Commission'').

(2) The time period for filing an application for disability retirement benefits or petition for service connected disability retirement shall begin on the day after the applicant's last day of paid employment by the State of Connecticut and shall end at close of business at the end of a twenty-four (24) month period.

(3) An applicant has one calendar year to seek reconsideration of an adverse decision of the Commission or of the Medical Examining Board.

(4) The Commission, in its sole discretion and after hearing held by it, may allow equitable tolling of any of the time periods set out in this regulation.

All interested persons who wish to express their views orally may do so at a public hearing to be held at the State Retirement Commission, Office of the State Comptroller, Second Floor Training Room, 55 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut at 10:30 a.m. on January 12, 2012.

All interested persons who wish to submit views or argument in connection with the proposed action may do so in writing within thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice. Comments can be mailed or submitted electronically to the Connecticut State Employees Retirement Commission, c/o Helen M. Kemp, Division Counsel, State Employees Retirement Division, Second Floor, 55 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Helen.Kemp@po.state.ct.us.

Copies of the proposed regulation may be obtained at the above address or by calling 860-702-3368.

Peter R. Blum, *Chairman*
Connecticut State Employees Retirement Commission

OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS
A Division of the Office of Governmental Accountability

Notice of Intent to Amend Regulations

In accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 4-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Office

of State Ethics, under the authority of sections 1-81 and 1-92 of the Connecticut General Statutes, intends to amend the existing agency regulations (Sections 1-92-40, 1-92-40a, 1-92-31, and 1-92-47).

The proposed amendments focus on: revolving door provisions affecting certain individuals with significant decision making or supervisory responsibility, hearings of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board; and lobbyist registration fees.

Statement of purpose: The purpose of the proposed amendments is to revise and update the Office of State Ethics' agency regulations contained at Sections 1-92-40, 1-92-40a, 1-92-31, and 1-92-47 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies to reflect the recent reorganization of certain executive branch agencies, to clarify that a board hearing concludes prior to deliberations by the Board, and to allow the Office of State Ethics to adjust the lobbyist registration fee as changes in staffing levels affect the costs of administering its lobbyist registration system.

Specifically, the amendments: (1) for purposes of certain revolving door provisions, provide an update of the positions that have significant decision-making or supervisory authority within the identified agencies (2) clarify, for purposes of compliance with freedom of information law, that a board hearing concludes prior to deliberations by the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board and that deliberations are not be considered a part of the board hearing, and (3) bring the Office of State Ethics into compliance with the requirement that it not charge lobbyists a registration fee in excess of the cost per registrant of administering the filings by allowing the Office of State Ethics to calculate the fee on a biennium basis.

Persons wishing to present their views and arguments regarding these regulations are invited to do so in writing within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice. A public hearing will be scheduled if requested by fifteen (15) or more persons, a governmental subdivision or agency, or an association having not less than fifteen (15) members, provided that notice of such request is received by the agency within fourteen (14) days after the date of publication of the notice to: General Counsel, Office of State Ethics, 18-20 Trinity Street, Suite 205, Hartford, CT 06106-1660. Attention: Barbara Housen, General Counsel.

A copy of the complete text of the proposed regulations is available at no cost upon request from the Office of State Ethics, Legal Division, 18-20 Trinity Street, Suite 205, Hartford, CT 06106-1660; e-mail diane.buxo@ct.gov. In addition, a copy of the proposed regulations is available on the Office of State Ethics' web site – http://www.ct.gov/ethics.

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