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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE NOTICE BE GIVEN PRIOR TO ASSESSING A LATE FILING FEE FOR LOBBYISTS AND LOBBYIST PRINCIPALS, AND TO PROHIBIT LOBBYISTS FROM SERVING ON THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 120C-401(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) When any report as required by this Article is not filed, the Secretary of State shall send a certified ~~or registered letter~~ letter, return receipt requested, advising the lobbyist, lobbyist principal, or other person required to report of the delinquency and the penalties provided by law. A late filing fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day, commencing on the tenth business day after the date the certified letter is received, applies to a report that is not timely filed. The cumulative late filing fee may not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Within 20 days of the receipt of the letter, the report shall be delivered or posted by United States mail to the Secretary of State together with a the late filing fee in an amount equal to the late filing fee under G.S. 163-278.34(a)(2) fee. Filing of the required report and payment of the additional fee within the time extended shall constitute compliance with this section."

SECTION 2. Article 9 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 131E-191.1. Lobbyists prohibited from serving on the North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council.

No person registered as a lobbyist under Chapter 120C of the General Statutes shall be appointed to or serve on the North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council. No person previously registered as a lobbyist under Chapter 120C of the General Statutes shall be appointed to or serve on the North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council within 120 days after the expiration of the lobbyist's registration."

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2009. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.

