

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**HOUSE BILL 1676**

Short Title: Legislator Not Influence Lobbyists Selection. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Blust; Current, Dockham, Gulley, Lewis, Moore, Setzer, and Walker.

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Referred to: Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Judiciary I.

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April 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LEGISLATORS FROM INFLUENCING THE SELECTION OF LOBBYISTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 120C-304 reads as rewritten:

"§ **120C-304. Restrictions.**

(a) No legislator or former legislator may register as a lobbyist under this Chapter:

(1) While in office.

(2) Before the later of the close of the session in which the legislator served or six months after leaving office.

(b) No public servant or former public servant as defined in G.S. 138A-3(30)a. may register as a lobbyist while in office or within six months after leaving office.

(c) No person serving as a public servant as defined in G.S. 138A-3(30)c. may register as a lobbyist under this Chapter within six months after separation from employment.

(d) No individual registered as a lobbyist under this Chapter shall serve as a treasurer as defined in G.S. 163-278.6(19) or an assistant campaign treasurer for a political committee for the election of a member of the General Assembly or a Constitutional officer of the State.

(e) A lobbyist shall not be eligible for appointment by a State official to, or service on, any body created under the laws of this State that has regulatory authority over the activities of a person that the lobbyist currently represents or has represented within 120 days after the expiration of the lobbyist's registration representing that person. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit appointment by any unit of local government.

(f) Any appointment or registration made in violation of this section shall be void.

1       (g) No legislator or agent of the legislator may knowingly influence or  
2 knowingly attempt to influence the selection of a lobbyist as defined in  
3 G.S. 120C-100(a)(10)b. or c."

4               **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2008.