

New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics

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This proposal would amend paragraph (h) of section 1-d of article 1-A of the Legislative Law by changing the time period in which registered lobbyists have to complete online ethics training from three years to two years. A civil penalty of up to \$10,000 may be imposed for failing to comply with online training course requirements.

Paragraph (h) of section 1-d of article 1-A of the legislative law is amended to read as follows:

(h) provide an online ethics training course for individuals registered as lobbyists pursuant to section one-e of this article. The curriculum for the course shall include, but not be limited to, explanations and discussions of the statutes and regulations of New York concerning ethics in the public officers law, the election law, the legislative law, summaries of advisory opinions, underlying purposes and principles of the relevant laws, and examples of practical application of these laws and principles. The commission shall prepare those methods and materials necessary to implement the curriculum. Each individual registered as a lobbyist pursuant to section one-e of this article shall complete such training course at least once in any **biennial registration period** [three-year period] during which he or she is registered as a lobbyist. **Registered lobbyists who knowingly and willfully fail to complete the online ethics training course within such biennial period for any reason other than good cause shown to the satisfaction of the commission, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars. A finding of good cause shall not relieve a registered lobbying from the obligation to complete training as may be directed by the commission.**