

SENATE BILL NO. 87
INTRODUCED BY D. MCGEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING THE GOVERNMENTAL EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FORMER PUBLIC OFFICERS BECOMING A LOBBYIST WITHIN 24 MONTHS PRIOR TO LICENSURE; AMENDING SECTION 5-7-310, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 5-7-310, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-7-310. Prohibition of lobbying by former government personnel. (1) An individual may not be licensed as a lobbyist and a principal or the state or a local government may not directly authorize or permit lobbying by an individual if during the 24 months prior to applying for a license that individual served as a state legislator, elected state official, department director, appointed state official, or member of a certain personal staff, as defined by 2-18-101.

~~(2) The prohibition in subsection (1) does not apply to an individual who seeks a license to serve as a lobbyist as part of the individual's responsibilities as an employee of state or local government."~~

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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