

## CHAPTER 34

**AN ACT** restricting the lobbying activities of members of the Legislature, the Governor and certain employees of the Executive Branch after service in elected office or public employment and supplementing P.L.1971, c.183 (C.52:13C-18 et seq.).

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.52:13C-21.4 Lobbying activities for certain persons restricted; penalties.

1. a. As used in this section, "person" means any member of the Legislature, the Governor or the head of a principal department of the Executive Branch.

b. No person, within one year next subsequent to the termination of the office or employment of such person, shall register as a "governmental affairs agent" as defined in section 3 of P.L.1971, c.183 (C.52:13C-20).

c. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the provisions of subsection b. of this section shall be subject to a penalty of not more than \$10,000 and shall be barred from activities prohibited under subsection b. for up to an additional five years.

d. Upon receiving evidence of any violation of this section, the Election Law Enforcement Commission shall have the power to hold, or to cause to be held, hearings about the violation and, upon finding any person to have committed a violation, to assess such penalty, within the limits prescribed herein, as it deems proper under the circumstances, which penalty may be collected in a summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).

2. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment and shall be applicable to persons who terminate office or employment after that effective date.

Approved June 16, 2004.