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By deleting all language following the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 1, is amended by adding the following appropriately designated new section:

68-11-126.

(a) Any person who lobbies the commission or commission staff shall register as a health lobbyist and shall comply with the provisions of title 3, chapter 6. For purposes of this section, "lobby" and "lobbyist" shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 3-6-102; provided, however, that any person required to register as a lobbyist pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall pay a fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per year, notwithstanding the provisions of Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 1, applicable to other lobbyists.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, there shall be no direct or indirect ex parte communications by any person with any member of the commission or any member of the commission's staff concerning any matter pending before the commission or any matter that such person knows or has reason to believe will be pending before the commission in the future.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3-6-104(d)(1) or any other law to the contrary, no current or former deputy governor shall lobby or communicate ex parte with any member of the commission or any member of the commission's staff concerning any matter pending before

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the commission or any matter that such person knows or has reason to believe will be pending before the commission in the future. The provisions of this subdivision shall apply to deputy governors from the time they leave office for a period of eight (8) years.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any person who lobbies the commission or commission staff shall make full disclosure of all fees or other compensation received, directly or indirectly, from or on behalf of any individual or entity on whose behalf such person is lobbying. Such disclosure shall be included in the lobbying report filed under Section 3-6-106 and shall include but not be limited to:

(1) The person or entity paying the fee, and, if not the person or entity with business before the commission, the person or entity on whose behalf the fee was paid to the lobbyist;

(2) The date the fee was paid;

(3) The period of time for which the fee was paid; and

(4) The specific matter or matters for which the fee was paid.

(e) The commission shall file a public statement quarterly, beginning October 1, 2001, listing all actual or attempted ex parte communications with the commission, any member of the commission, or any member of the commission staff. This statement shall include the

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name of the person or entity making or attempting the ex parte communication, the matter or matters involved, the person or entity on whose behalf the communication or attempted communication was made, and the commission member or staff member who received the communication or to whom the attempted communication was directed.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.