

HB 644 -- LOBBYING BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

SPONSOR: McGaugh

This bill prohibits a person holding any compensated position with an organization that employs lobbyists registered with the Missouri Ethics Commission to hold the office of senator or representative. Any person violating this provision must be subject to immediate removal from office by impeachment but must not be subject to any other fine or penalty.

A member of the General Assembly who personally acts, serves, or registers as a lobbyist or solicits clients to serve as a lobbyist during his or her term of office will be guilty of a class B misdemeanor and a second or subsequent offense is a class D felony until December 31, 2016, and a class E felony thereafter.

These provisions must not apply to senators or representatives who hold employment with an organization that employs other individuals as registered lobbyists to serve primarily on behalf of its clients.