

(3) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, SUSPEND THE REGISTRATION OF A REGULATED LOBBYIST.

(E) (1) IF THE ETHICS COMMISSION DETERMINES IT NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE GOVERNMENTAL PROCESS, THE ETHICS COMMISSION MAY ISSUE AN ORDER TO:

(I) SUSPEND THE REGISTRATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL REGULATED LOBBYIST IF THE ETHICS COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL REGULATED LOBBYIST:

1. HAS KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY VIOLATED SUBTITLE 7 OF THIS TITLE; OR

2. HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE ARISING FROM LOBBYING ACTIVITIES; OR

(II) REVOKE THE REGISTRATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL REGULATED LOBBYIST IF THE ETHICS COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT, BASED ON ACTS ARISING FROM LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, THE INDIVIDUAL REGULATED LOBBYIST HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF BRIBERY, THEFT, OR OTHER CRIME INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE.

(2) IF THE COMMISSION SUSPENDS THE REGISTRATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL REGULATED LOBBYIST UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE INDIVIDUAL REGULATED LOBBYIST MAY NOT ENGAGE IN LOBBYING FOR COMPENSATION FOR A PERIOD, NOT TO EXCEED 3 YEARS, THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES AS TO THAT INDIVIDUAL REGULATED LOBBYIST IS NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) IF THE COMMISSION REVOKES THE REGISTRATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL REGULATED LOBBYIST UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE INDIVIDUAL REGULATED LOBBYIST MAY NOT ENGAGE IN LOBBYING FOR COMPENSATION.

(4) IF THE ETHICS COMMISSION INITIATES A COMPLAINT BASED ON A VIOLATION OR CONVICTION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL INITIATE THE COMPLAINT WITHIN 2 YEARS OF:

(I) THE ETHICS COMMISSION'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE VIOLATION;
OR

(II) THE DATE THE CONVICTION BECOMES FINAL.

(5) THE TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL REGULATED LOBBYIST DOES NOT LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORDER UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(F) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE REGISTRATION AS AN INDIVIDUAL REGULATED LOBBYIST IS REVOKED OR SUSPENDED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION MAY APPLY TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION FOR REINSTATEMENT.