

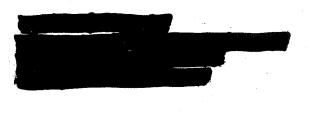
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth Lobbyist Division

Marie D. Marra

Director

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Dear

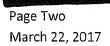
I have received your March 21, 2017 email requesting a lobbyist advisory opinion. See G.L. c. 3, § 41. Specifically, you inquired as to the proper course of action for registering a lobbying entity for a division is a trade association. Through your by-laws you have two divisions which operate through separate boards of directors. One of those divisions is the

Be advised that the office cannot advise you based upon the limited information you have provided. However, you may want to review the Massachusetts Lobbying Law, M.G.L. c. 3 § 39-50 and make your own determination.

The definition of a "client" is stated as:

any person, corporation, partnership, association, or other entity that contracts with another person, corporation, partnership, association, or other entity to receive lobbying services.

As such, could register as a client if it chooses to do so. The proper business name on the registration should state



It is unclear as to whether is the other division and would lobby for any common matters involving the lobby for any common matters.

Your second inquiry concerns the director of who is an employee of and currently registered as a lobbying under the Would the director of the continue to lobby on behalf of the continue to lobby on the continue to lo

Please be advised that you are advised to seek further guidance from this office providing a detail description of the lobbying activities that were not detailed within your request to this office for an advisory opinion. This office is unable to provide additional guidance until such information is provided to this office.

Very truly yours,

Marie D. Marra

Director, Lobbyist Division