



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Lobbyist Division

Marie D. Marra
Director

March 22, 2017
LAO 17/45

[REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

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