

1 Amend 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18603 to read:

2 **§ 18603. Lobbyist Certification and Ethics Course**

3 (a) Regardless of whether an individual had a current lobbyist certification on file at the
4 end of the last regular session of the Legislature, the individual must file ~~another~~ a certification
5 renewal for any subsequent session of the Legislature once the individual meets the
6 qualifications for a lobbyist for that legislative session as set forth in Section 82039(a) and
7 Regulation 18239.

8 (b) After filing an initial lobbyist certification, any subsequent biannual filing is a
9 renewal, even if there is a break in time of lobbying activity of the filer. Each lobbyist will file
10 only one initial lobbyist certification.

11 (c) The lobbyist shall certify completion of the ethics course described in Government
12 Code Section 8956(b) as follows:

13 (1) For initial lobbyist certifications, the lobbyist shall certify that they have either
14 completed the course within the previous 12 months; or will complete a course within 12
15 months, in which case the certification shall be accepted on a conditional basis.

16 (2) A lobbyist who filed a completed lobbyist certification in connection with the last
17 regular session of the Legislature and qualifies again as a lobbyist in connection with the next
18 regular session of the Legislature, on or before June 30 of an odd-numbered year, shall file a
19 renewal certifying that they have either completed the course within the previous 12 months; or
20 will complete the course by June 30 of the same odd-numbered year, in which case the
21 certification shall be accepted on a conditional basis.

22 (3) For lobbyist certification renewals filed at any time other than that specified in (c)(2),
23 the lobbyist shall certify that they have either completed the course within the previous 12

1 months; or will complete a scheduled course by June 30 of the following year, in which case the
2 certification shall be accepted on a conditional basis.

3 (d) If a lobbyist certification is accepted on a conditional basis, the lobbyist shall timely
4 complete the ethics course and file an amended lobbyist certification to replace the conditional
5 lobbyist certification. If the lobbyist fails to timely complete the ethics course, the conditional
6 lobbyist certification shall be void and the individual shall not act as a lobbyist until the
7 individual completes the course and files a lobbyist certification stating the date of completion.

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9 Note: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Sections 86103, 86106 and
10 86107, Government Code.