



State of North Carolina
Department of the Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE

April 1, 2020

**NOTICE OF EXERCISE OF DISCRETIONARY ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY WITH
REGARD TO FILING FIRST QUARTER 2020 LOBBYING EXPENSE REPORTS**

The Lobbying Act requires filers to file quarterly lobbying expense reports which have been signed under oath before a notary public. N.C.G.S. § 120C-401, N.C.G.S. § 120C-402, and N.C.G.S. § 120C-403. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the need to maintain Social Distancing Requirements, as that term has been defined at Section 2.E. of Executive Order 121 dated March 27, 2020, the Secretary of State, in exercise of her enforcement discretion pursuant to N.C.G.S. §§ 120C-401(g) and 120C-602(b), will not levy any late filing fees or civil fines for failure to timely file a first quarter report by April 22, 2020, upon the conditions that (1) all reports due to be filed by April 22, 2020 are filed on or before July 22, 2020, (2) such reports are accompanied by an attached statement made under oath that a notary public could not be obtained prior to the date of actual filing due to the Social Distancing Requirements, and (3) all reports due to be filed by July 22, 2020 are deemed timely filed. This Notice is effective April 1, 2020.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact us at lobbyistfiling@sosnc.gov or the Lobbying Division at (919) 814-5270.

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Secretary of State