

Non-profit and charitable organizations

Interpretation

The Lobbyists Act

s. 4(1) This Act does not apply to any of the following when acting in their official capacity:

- (i) officers, directors or employees of a non-profit organization, association, society, coalition or interest group, any of which has both a charitable purpose and fewer than 5 employees, if the lobbying activity performed by the officers, directors and employees combined is less than 30 hours annually, as calculated in the prescribed manner.

Summary:

This amendment to *The Lobbyists Act* will be enacted September 14, 2020. Prior to the passing of the amendment, non-profit and charitable organizations were all exempt from registering lobbying activities. With the enactment of the amendment, this exemption has been refined.

Directive:

Non-profit groups without a charitable purpose and charities must register if they fit within the criteria. The only minor exception is for officers, directors or employees of a charitable non-profit with fewer than 5 employees who lobby a total of less than 30 hours annually.

This Directive provides general information only and does not constitute legal advice. This Directive should not be relied upon as an official ruling nor be considered a substitute for contacting the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists to discuss a specific instance or request a ruling on a specific case.

Authority:

This Directive is issued by the Registrar of Lobbyists pursuant to section 17 of *The Lobbyists Act*.