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# LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

## PA SB 666

Referred to [STATE GOVERNMENT](#), Jan. 2, 2018

### Banning Convicted Public Officials from Lobbying in PA

This bill will prohibit any future public official convicted of a crime related to their public office from registering as a lobbyist in Pennsylvania.

#### Senate of Pennsylvania Session of 2017 - 2018 Regular Session MEMORANDUM

**Posted:** May 19, 2017 03:42 PM  
**From:** [Senator Patrick J. Stefano](#)  
**To:** All Senate members  
**Subject:** Banning Convicted Public Officials from Lobbying in Pennsylvania

In late March of 2017, I read a *PennLive* article entitled, "Have bribery, fraud and abuse of power become synonymous with 'Pennsylvania?'" and found myself wanting to do more to combat corruption in the Commonwealth.

As the article states, "it's rare for more than a few months to go by without a high-profile official in Pennsylvania making headlines for violating a law." What is even more unfortunate in my opinion is that many of the same individuals who have made these headlines have since been welcomed back into the Capitol as registered lobbyists and still wield a large amount of power and influence.

I believe the acceptance of this practice undermines the trust of voters. Therefore, I plan to introduce legislation to prohibit any future public official convicted of a crime related to their public office from registering as a lobbyist in Pennsylvania. A public official will be defined as "a person elected by the public or elected or appointed by a governmental body, or an appointed official in the executive, legislative or the judicial branch of the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof."

Introduced as [SB666](#)

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