

**April 13, 2018**

**Amendment to *Lobbyists Registration Act* to come into force May 1, 2018**

**VICTORIA**—The Province of British Columbia announced today that an amendment to the *Lobbyists Registration Act* (LRA) will come into force on May 1, 2018.

This amendment addresses one of five recommendations made by the Registrar of Lobbyists in 2013. It prohibits former public office holders from lobbying for two years after leaving office, while authorizing the Registrar to grant exemptions from the prohibition when it would be in the public interest.

“I am encouraged that government has introduced the two-year prohibition on former public office holders. I look forward to future amendments that address the four other recommendations we made to strengthen BC’s lobbying regulations,” said Registrar Michael McEvoy.

To assist lobbyists, educational materials are available now on the [ORL website](#).

**Note:** The online exemption form will be available on the [ORL website](#) soon. The ORL will not process exemption applications until after May 1, 2018.

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