




The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority
Administrative Policies and Procedures

LOBBYIST POLICY

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I. PURPOSE:

The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority is a quasi-public corporation. The purpose of this Lobbyist Policy is to ensure compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws 42-155 – Quasi Public Corporations Accountability and Transparency Act.

II. POLICY:

RIPTA's CEO may determine whether, and on what terms, to retain a lobbyist for the purpose of representing RIPTA before legislative and administrative bodies for the purpose of furthering RIPTA's mission.

Registration: All lobbyists must register online with the Secretary of State within seven days of a lobbying engagement.

Disclosure: Registered lobbyists must provide the Secretary of State information on their name, address, and the legislation or subjects they are lobbying. They must also disclose their compensation.

Reporting: Lobbyists must submit quarterly reports on their activities, including a detailed list of expenditures and any gifts or anything of value provided to officials that exceed \$250 in a calendar year.

Prohibited activities: It is illegal to pay a lobbyist based on the success of their lobbying efforts (contingent fees).

Identification: The Secretary of State issues an identification badge to every registered lobbyist.