

## Proposals for Legislation for 2009 Session

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1. *Problem or issue:*

The existing definition of the term “lobbying” includes non-legislative lobbying (promoting or opposing official action by a public official.) See MCA 5-7-102(11)(a)(ii).

However, based on case law the commissioner currently only regulates legislative lobbying (see ARM 44.12.101A).

2. *Legislation intends to do what?*

The act of **lobbying the governor**, a public official, to sign or veto legislation is so closely related to the legislative process that it is appropriate to **extend lobbying reporting requirements** and related regulatory authority to this type of lobbying activity.

3. *What section of MCA?*

Title 5; Chapter 7 , MCA

4. *Funding source?*

No additional funding required.

5. *Previously introduced? Model act?*

No. However, we can draft this proposal.