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Bill Analysis

SB 2180 creates the Foreign Country Agent Political Activity Oversight Act. The measure requires each foreign country agent to register and submit a completed filing with the Secretary of State. The filing must include the name of the foreign country agent, the foreign country, government, political party, or corporation or business entity with a 51% or greater interest that is owned by a foreign country, government, or political party being represented by the foreign country agent, the time period for which the foreign country agent expects to be lobbying in this state, and any other information deemed necessary. The filing must be completed within 15 days of the agent seeking to lobby in the state. Any changes made to the agent's filing must be provided to the Secretary within 10 days of the change. The measure directs the Secretary to submit a semiannual report to the Attorney General and Legislature detailing lobbying activities by foreign country agent. The measure establishes a \$1,000.00 maximum fine and/or a maximum term of 1 year of imprisonment for persons who fail to comply with the provisions of this measure. The provisions of this measure shall not apply to religious or charitable organizations as well as individuals engaged in activities benefitting religious, scholastic, academic, scientific, or fine arts interests. Persons lobbying in furtherance of the bona fide trade or commerce of listed entities shall not be subject to the provisions of the measure.

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