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ABSTRACT

This research on the model law on controlling professional lobbyists aims to (1) investigate background and significance of the problems on professional lobbyist regulation and control, (2) explore concepts, theories, and principles related to professional lobbyist regulation and control, (3) examine legal measures related to professional lobbyist regulation and control of international, foreign, and Thailand laws, (4) analyze problems related to professional lobbyist regulation and control, and (5) conduct the model law on professional lobbyist regulation and control. This research applied a qualitative research methodology consisting of documentary research, in-depth interview, and focus group discussion.

The findings revealed that professional lobbyists have existed in laws of several developed countries. In Thailand, this profession has been under control for a long time and there are related laws, i.e., the Civil and Commercial Code specifying the brokerage contract in Title 16 Sections 845 - 849 by prescribing the contract and roles of brokers. However, it does not stipulate any provisions specifically on professional lobbyist regulation and control. Moreover, it lacked the measures covering registration and license permit for lobbyists, as well as determining roles and duties, controlling lobbyists, morality and ethics, committees, and penalties. This resulted in professional lobbyists doing their occupation liberally without any regulations to control them, leading to the problems of paying excessive attention to their interests, corruption, or forcing one party to abide by their terms and conditions. This would

cause damage to lobbyists, partners of the contract, and other related people, and lead to negative impact of benefits of the society.

Therefore, the researcher would draft the model law on professional lobbyist regulation and control with the legal structure as follows: (1) definition, (2) Chapter 1: Committee, (3) Chapter 2: License, (4) Chapter 3: Roles and Duties, (5) Chapter 4: Control, (6) Chapter 5: Morality and Ethics, and (7) Chapter 6: Penalties.