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**Statement of Basis, Purpose and Specific Statutory Authority**

**Office of the Secretary of State**  
**Rules Concerning Lobbyist Regulation**

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**1. Basis and Purpose**

This statement pertains to the amendments and revisions to the Colorado Secretary of State "Rules Concerning Lobbyist Regulation" 8 CCR 1505-8.

The amendments are necessary to implement recommended procedures resulting from internal and external audits and to remove obsolete provisions. In particular, amendments are necessary to clarify definitions; fees for filing a professional lobbyist registration statement; electronic filing; disclosure requirements; record retention for professional lobbyist, lobbyist firms, and state liaisons records; and enforcement.

The Secretary of State therefore finds that the permanent adoption of the amendments to the "Rules Concerning Lobbyist Regulation" is necessary in order to ensure the uniform and proper administration and enforcement of and to answer questions arising under Title 24, Article 6, Part 3 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

**2. Statutory Authority**

Amendments to the Colorado Secretary of State Election Rules are adopted pursuant to the following statutory provisions:

1. The rulemaking provisions of the State Administrative Procedure Act, C.R.S. 24-4-103.
2. Section 24-6-303 (1.3) (a), C.R.S. (2007), which authorizes the Secretary of State to set registration fees by rule promulgated in accordance with article 4 of Title 24.
3. Section 24-6-303 (6.3) (a), C.R.S. (2007), which authorizes the Secretary of State to promulgate rules concerning the manner in which reports required to be filed may be filed electronically.
4. Section 24-6-305, C.R.S. (2007), which authorizes the Secretary of State to adopt rules and regulations to define, interpret, implement, and enforce the provisions of the Lobbyist Regulation Law.