

Governor's Weekly Message: Make Government More Transparent Through Lobbying Reform Bill

DOVER – In his [weekly message](#), Governor Jack Markell talks about new legislation that would improve government transparency and citizens' access to information by requiring that lobbyists specifically report on each piece of legislation, each area of the budget or the bond bill, or each proposed state agency regulation that they are lobbying to change and who they are talking with to try and make those changes. The Governor joined lead sponsor Senate President Pro Tempore Tony DeLuca, House Speaker Bob Gilligan and a bipartisan group of legislators this week to introduce Senate Bill 185.

“Former Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis once said, ‘Sunlight is the best disinfectant,’ and that’s as true today as it was when he first said it,” Markell said. “Over the last several years, we’ve taken a number of important steps in Delaware to let the sunshine in so that the people of Delaware can have real knowledge of how laws are made and put together, and how regulations are proposed and enacted.”

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