

# Research report on Lobbying in Thailand

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issuances on the factory permission. What the investors have to do is to pay fee to lobbyists then the lobbyists can manage the permission within the fixed period of time. This make the investors be released from having to deal with the officials from the Ministry by themselves.

## 5. Conclusion

The report displays lobbying law and policy in Thailand. In the first part, the report starts with the clarification on the definition in the report by referring to the definition of lobbying in legislations in US, Canada, and Australia. The report, in the second part, lays the background of the law and government in Thailand. The background provides broader pictures on law and government which relates to the lobbying conducts in Thailand. The report points out that the hierarchy of law in Thailand are the main factor determining lobbying on any legislation in Thailand. The report also states that the government administration which connects with policy are prone to the lobbying activities.

The report, in the third part, focuses on relevant legislation which can be a legal mechanism for lobbying activities in Thailand. The part presents that there is no specific legislation supporting or governing lobbying activities. The constitution and other relates legislation of The Act on Criteria on Drafting Law and Analysis on Law Effectiveness 2019, Government Ordinance on the Public Consolation 1991 (B.E. 2534), and The Political Party Act 2017(BE 2560) are important laws relating to lobbying and lobbyists in Thailand. The report in the fourth part presents the practices of lobbying in Thailand by that there is lobbying activities in the legislation levels and in the regulation/permission levels. The lobbying activities in Thailand are typically done with interest groups of people who are able to connect with politicians, officials and business persons.

The lobbyists would communicate with the government authority as to ensure that their set goals of any businesses person who hired the lobbyists have been reached. Some cases example on regulation and permission are also presented in order to portray some practical conducts on lobbying in Thailand. In summary, in Thailand there are lobbying activities in a shadow between government and businesses. The lobbyists will aim to match needs between businesses and

government. In most cases, the lobbyists involve with corruption conducts. However, there is no precise law that prohibits or controls the lobbying conducts in Thailand.

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