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Putting Lobbying Nonprofits in Charge of Business Taxes?

The business license tax is one of the most arbitrary and punitive taxes in the code. Many lawmakers say they favor reforming or repealing it. What's might happen instead is something far worse than most of us would have thought possible: One proposal is to give the power to set tax rates to unaccountable non-governmental organizations that lobby the State House for favors. Our policy analyst explains what it's all about [here](#), and SCPC president discusses the broader context [here](#).

Not Much to Be Thrilled about in Recent Ethics Debate

"Ethics reform": the General Assembly is at it again. The trouble is, most politicians' definition differs significantly from what you probably mean by the term. [more>>](#)

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