

## LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - **All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name:

**THE NICKLES GROUP, LLC**

2. Address:

601 13TH ST., NW STE 250 NORTH, WASHINGTON, DC 20005

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):

Country: City: State/Zip(or Country):

4. Contact Name: PAMELA FLEMING

Telephone: 202-637-0214

E-mail (optional): mail@nicklesgroup.com

Senate ID #: 293335-113

House ID #: 37338001

7. Client Name:  Self

**AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION**

### TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2005 Midyear (January 1 - June 30):  **OR** Year End (July 1 - December 31):

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report:

10. Check if this is a Termination Report:  => Termination Date: 11. No Lobbying Activity:

### INCOME OR EXPENSES

Complete Either Line 12 **OR** Line 13

#### 12. Lobbying Firms

**INCOME** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more:  => Income (nearest \$20,000): 120,000.00

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

#### 13. Organizations

**EXPENSES** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more:  => Expenses (nearest \$20,000): \_\_\_\_\_

#### 14. Reporting Method.

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

**Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

**Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code

**Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.**

Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code: BUD (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

H. Con. Res. 95, the budget resolution, reconciliation instructions for Medicare and Medicaid S. 1932/H.R. 4241, Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

US Senate  
US House of Representatives  
Executive Office of the President

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: HUGHES, STACEY

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, DPTY STAFF DIRECTOR

Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, TAX POLICY DIRECTOR

Name: MARSHALL, HAZEN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, STAFF DIRECTOR

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

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15. General issue area code: MMM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

S. 1002, Hospital Fair Competition Act of 2005 Medicare Payment Refinement S. 1932/H.R. 4241, Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

US House of Representatives

US Senate

US Department of Health and Human Services

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: HUGHES, STACEY

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, DPTY STAFF DIRECTOR

Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, TAX POLICY DIRECTOR

Name: MARSHALL, HAZEN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, STAFF DIRECTOR

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Registrant Name: THE NICKLES GROUP, LLC Client Name: AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

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15. General issue area code: TAX (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Not-for-profit status of hospitals.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

US Senate

US House of Representatives

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: HUGHES, STACEY

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Name: JONES HENSLER, RACHEL

Covered Official Position (if applicable): U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, TAX POLICY DIRECTOR

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Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 10, 2006

Printed Name and Title: Pamela Fleming, Administrative Director -