

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 76

S.P. 29

In Senate, January 15, 2019

**An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Legislature by Extending  
the Waiting Period before Legislators May Engage in Any Amount  
of Compensated Lobbying**

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Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell and  
Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: BAILEY of  
Saco, COLLINGS of Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1024, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

3 **1-A. Actions precluded beginning with the 130th Legislature.** Beginning with the  
4 convening of the 130th Legislature, a person who has served as a Legislator may not  
5 engage in compensated lobbying until 4 years after that person's term as a Legislator  
6 ends.

7 **Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1024, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

8 **4. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
9 following terms have the following meanings.

10 A. "Compensated lobbying" means lobbying conducted by an individual who is  
11 specifically employed by another person for that purpose or lobbying conducted by  
12 an individual as a regular employee of another person. "Compensated lobbying" does  
13 not include activities for which the individual receives no compensation other than  
14 reimbursement for lobbying-related travel within the State and reimbursement for  
15 other out-of-pocket expenditures made by the individual for printing, postage and  
16 food and lodging connected with lobbying activities paid for by the individual. For  
17 the purposes of this paragraph, "reimbursement for other out-of-pocket expenditures"  
18 does not include reimbursement for the individual's time spent lobbying that would  
19 have been otherwise compensated by an employer or in the course of the individual's  
20 employment.

21 B. "Lobbying" has the same meaning as in Title 3, section 312-A, subsection 9.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill prohibits a former Legislator from engaging in any compensated lobbying  
24 activities for 4 years after that person's term as a Legislator ends rather than for one year  
25 as in current law. This extended prohibition begins with the convening of the 130th  
26 Legislature. The bill also removes the safe harbor in current law that allows a former  
27 Legislator to engage in up to 8 hours of compensated lobbying per calendar month  
28 without violating the prohibition.