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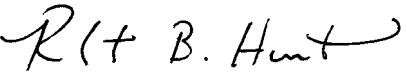
No. 1576

H.P. 1034

House of Representatives, April 10, 2025

An Act to Extend a One-year Lobbying Prohibition to Partisan and Nonpartisan Staff of the Legislature

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


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and
Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BOYER of Poland, CARLOW of Buxton, FROST
of Belgrade, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, HYMES of Waldo, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator:
HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §318-B, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 337, §2, is amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§318-B. Former executive branch or legislative branch employee lobbying prohibited

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §318-B, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 337, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

C. "Former employee from the executive branch or legislative branch" means:

(1) An employee who was employed in the executive branch of this State:

(a) In the unclassified service, as defined in Title 5, section 7032, subsection 6-A;

(b) In the classified service;

(c) In a position for which the salary is subject to adjustment by the Governor under Title 2, section 6; or

(d) In a major policy-influencing position under Title 5, chapter 71; and

(2) An employee who was employed in the Legislature, including a partisan legislative employee, nonpartisan legislative employee, committee clerk or employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House.

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §318-B, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 337, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Lobbying prohibited. Beginning January 1, 2026, a former officer or former employee from the executive branch or legislative branch may not engage in compensated lobbying until one year after the termination of the employee's executive branch or legislative branch employment.

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

SUMMARY

Under current law, former executive branch employees are prohibited from lobbying until one year after the termination of their employment in the executive branch. This bill extends the one-year prohibition on lobbying to include former employees of the legislative branch, beginning January 1, 2026.