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

- Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1012, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:
- 1-A. Associated organization. "Associated organization" means any organization in which a Legislator or a Legislator's spouse is a director, officer or trustee, or owns or controls, directly or indirectly, and severally or in the aggregate, at least 10% of the outstanding equity.
- Sec. 2. 1 MRSA \$1015, sub-\$4 is enacted to read:
- 4. Contract with state governmental agency. A Legislator or an associated organization may not enter with a state governmental agency into any contract that is to be paid in whole or in part out of governmental funds, when such a contract is normally awarded through a process of public notice and competitive bidding, unless the contract has been awarded through a process of public notice and competitive bidding.
 - Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §1016-D is enacted to read:

§1016-D. Disclosure of bids on government contracts

When a Legislator or associated organization bids on a contract with a state governmental agency, the Legislator or associated organization shall file a statement with the commission no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day the bid is submitted that discloses the subject of the bid and the names of the Legislator, associated organization and state governmental agency as appropriate. The bid disclosure statement filed under this section must be on a form prescribed by the commission and is a public record as defined in section 402.

Sec. 4. 1 MRSA §1017-A is enacted to read:

§1017-A. Civil penalties; late and incomplete statements; failure to file

A Legislator who fails to file a statement in accordance with this subchapter may be assessed a fine of \$10 for each business day the statement is filed late. A statement is not considered filed unless it substantially conforms to the requirements of this subchapter and is properly signed. The commission shall determine whether a statement substantially conforms to the requirements of this subchapter.

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CHAPTER 269

H.P. 779 - L.D. 1061

An Act To Amend the Filing Requirements for Special Hide Dealers

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

- **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7352-A, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 387, §14, is further amended to read:
- **4. Restrictions.** Each licensee shall keep a true and complete record, in such form as is required by the commissioner, of all hides bartered or sold.

The record The licensee shall retain records required under this subsection for at least 3 years, and records must be open for inspection by the commissioner or the commissioner's agent, and must be filed with the commissioner on or before February 1st of the following year.

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CHAPTER 270

S.P. 321 - L.D. 980

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Qualification of Candidates

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

- **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§5, ¶D,** as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is amended to read:
 - D. Not accepted contributions, except for seed money contributions, and otherwise complied with seed money restrictions; and
- **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§5, ¶D-1** is enacted to read:
 - D-1. Not run for the same office as a nonparticipating candidate in a primary election in the same election year; and

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