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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 107TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 766, L.D. 2313, Bill,
"AN ACT to Require Registration and Reporting of Professional Lobbyists."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the end of subsection 8 of that part designated "§312." the following:

'Lobbying shall not include any communication by an individual officially representing a recognized religious society, when the communication is solely to protect the constitutional rights of the members of the society to freely exercise their religion, and the communication is not to impose the political, moral or ethical views of a religious society on others, to express the political views of the society, or to seek economic advantage or benefit for the religious society.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment exempts individuals officially representing a religious society only when they seek to protect their constitutional rights to exercise their religion, but not when they seek to impose their political, moral or ethical views on others nor when they seek any economic advantage.

Filed by Mr. Henderson of Bangor.

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