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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-1097)  
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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

Amend said Bill in that part designated "§312."  
by striking out all of subsection 8 and inserting in place  
thereof the following:

'8. Lobbying. "Lobbying" means to communicate directly  
with any official in the Legislative Branch for the purpose of  
influencing any legislative action, when reimbursement for  
expenditures or compensation is made for such activities.

Lobbying shall not include:

- A. Any appearance by any person before an advertised  
public hearing of a committee for the purpose of making  
an oral or written statement in connection with any matter  
or measure before that committee, so long as that person  
has no other communications with any official of the  
Legislative Branch which would qualify as "lobbying"  
as defined in the first sentence of this subsection; or
- B. Any communication made by a person in response to an  
inquiry or request for information by an official in the  
Legislative Branch.'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§312." by striking out all of subsection 11 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'11. Person. "Person" means an individual, business, corporation, association, professional association, labor union, firm, partnership, club or other organization, whether profit or nonprofit, or any quasi-municipality, but does not include the State of Maine, any agency of the State of Maine, the University of Maine or Maine Maritime Academy or any county or municipality.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after that part designated "§318." the following:

'§318-A. Records

Any person required to register or report pursuant to this chapter shall obtain and preserve all accounts, bills, receipts, books, papers and documents necessary to substantiate such registration or report for 4 years from the date of filing such report.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment will:

1. Clarify the provision relating to appearance before public hearings of a committee;
2. Exempt municipalities and counties from the provisions of this Act; and

3. Require retention of records by persons required to register and report.

Filed by Mr. Quinn of Gorham.

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