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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
107TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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

Amend said Bill by inserting in the title after the word "Lobbyists.." the following: 'and to Require Reporting of Expenditures Made by Parties to a Public Hearing before the Public Utilities Commission'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause, the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end, before the Emergency clause, the following:

'Sec. 2. 35 MRSA §315 is enacted to read:

§315. Party disclosure of expenditures

1. Requirement. Any party to a public hearing before the commission shall file with the commission a report of expenditures for direct communications, including research, drafting, consultation or other preparation for those communications, with any commissioner or employee of the commission incurred or paid, or both, for the purpose of influencing a decision of the commission made or to be made as a result of the public hearing. The report shall list the total expenditures to date, ←→ shall include itemization by amount of expenditure by payee and by the purpose of the expenditure and shall be verified by oath or affirmation as complete and accurate. This report shall be filed with the commission <sup>within</sup> / 30 days after the commencement of that hearing and <sup>within</sup> / every additional 30 days

thereafter during which any part of the hearing takes place.

2. Exception. Subsection 1 shall apply only to a party who has incurred or paid, or both, since the commencement of the public hearing, expenditures totalling \$500 or more.

Subsection 1 shall not apply to the commission nor to any of its representatives or employees, nor to the Attorney General, nor to any of the representatives or employees of the Department of the Attorney General.

Subsection 1 shall not apply to any expenditures paid or incurred in response to an inquiry or request for information by the commission.

3. Penalty. Knowingly failing to file a report as required by this section or knowingly filing incorrect or incomplete information on such a report shall be a Class E crime.

4. Rules and regulations. The commission shall make those rules and regulations which are necessary to ensure that there is available for public inspection a complete disclosure of the expenditures incurred or paid, or both, by parties to a public hearing required to disclose under subsection 1. The commission shall prepare and maintain a file to contain the information filed under this section. This file shall be open for public inspection during the normal working hours of the commission.

Statement of Fact

This amendment, by requiring disclosure of expenditures by parties to a public hearing before the Public Utilities Commission, informs the public of the efforts made by utilities and others to influence decisions before the Public Utilities Commission.

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