

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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S. P. 246

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Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Levine of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Prohibiting State Legislators from Serving as Lobbyists within  
4 Years of their Retirement from Office.**

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA § 318-A is enacted to read:

§ 318-A. Retired legislators as lobbyists

No person shall accept employment as a lobbyist if that person has, within 4 years prior to that employment, served as a member of the House of Representatives or Senate of this State.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA § 319, sub-§ 2, as reenacted by PL 1975, c. 724, is amended to read:

2. **Fine or imprisonment.** The penalty for willfully or knowingly failing to file a registration or report as required by this chapter, or for violating ~~section sections~~ 318 or 318-A, shall be a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or both.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to prevent those persons who within the last 4 years have served as state legislators from becoming professional lobbyists. A person who has been a state legislator in the recent past may be able to take undue advantage of his former position and to use that advantage to gain favor for the positions he supports as a lobbyist.