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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Clarify the Definition of Activities Reportable as Lobbying.**

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA § 317, sub-§ 1, ¶¶ A and B, as reenacted by PL 1975, c. 724, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

A. Compensation, not otherwise reported during the previous month, received and due to be received:

- (1) For lobbying;
- (2) For any efforts to influence legislative action; and
- (3) For the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action.

In the case of a regular employee, such amount reported shall be the number of hours devoted:

- (4) To lobbying;
- (5) To efforts to influence legislative action; and
- (6) To the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action, multiplied by the employee's regular rate of pay;

B. Total expenditures, not otherwise reported during the previous month, for which the lobbyist has been and expects to be reimbursed:

- (1) For lobbying;

- (2) For efforts to influence legislative action; and
- (3) For the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action;

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA § 317, sub-§ 3, ¶¶ B and C, as reenacted by PL 1975, c. 724, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

- B. The total amount of compensation paid to the lobbyist by the employer during the previous year and due the lobbyist for the previous year:
  - (1) For lobbying;
  - (2) For efforts to influence legislative action; and
  - (3) For the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action;
- C. The total expenditures made by the lobbyist during the preceding year for which the lobbyist has been and expects to be reimbursed by the employer:
  - (1) For lobbying;
  - (2) For efforts to influence legislative action; and
  - (3) For the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action;

Sec. 3. **Effective date.** This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1978.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this new draft is to retain the current definition of who must register and report as a lobbyist while expanding the activities which must be reported to include:

- 1. Any efforts to influence legislative action; and
- 2. The preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action.