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STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1282, L.D. 1773, Bill, "An Act Regarding Governmental Ethics"

Amend the bill in section 4 by inserting after subsection 8 the following:

'9. Reportable liability. "Reportable liability" means any debt or other similar obligation. "Reportable liability" does not include:

A. Liabilities owed to a single creditor, the aggregate value of which did not exceed \$1,000 at any time during the reporting period;

B. A debt owed to a relative;

C. Mortgages secured by personal residences from which no income was derived during the reporting period;

D. A loan secured by a personal motor vehicle or by household furnishings in a personal residence if the loan does not exceed the purchase price of the item;

E. Amounts owed for alimony or child support;

F. An educational loan made or guaranteed by a governmental entity, educational institution or nonprofit organization; and

G. A revolving charge account, if the outstanding liability did not exceed \$5,000 at the end of the reporting period.'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 9 in the first line (page 3, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "9." and inserting in its place the following: '10.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting after section 7 a new section to read:

'Sec. 8. 1 MRSA §1016-B is enacted to read:

§1016-B. Disclosure of reportable liability

Each Legislator shall file with the commission a statement of all reportable liabilities owed at any time during the preceding calendar year and the specific identity of any creditor. The statement of specific sources of income filed under this subchapter shall be on a form prescribed by the commission and prepared by the Secretary of State. It shall be a public record.'

Further amend the bill in section 11 by striking out all of the first line (page 6, line 5 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 11. 5 MRSA §19, sub-§1, ¶¶F to J are enacted to read:'

Further amend the bill in section 11 by striking out all of paragraph I and inserting in its place the following:

'I. "Reportable liability" means any debt or other similar obligation. "Reportable liability" does not include:

- (1) Liabilities owed to a single creditor, the aggregate value of which did not exceed \$1,000 at any time during the reporting period;
- (2) A debt owed to a relative;
- (3) Mortgages secured by personal residences from which no income was derived during the reporting period;
- (4) A loan secured by a personal motor vehicle or by household furnishings in a personal residence if the loan does not exceed the purchase price of the item;
- (5) Amounts owed for alimony or child support;
- (6) An educational loan made or guaranteed by a governmental entity, educational institution or nonprofit organization; and
- (7) A revolving charge account, if the outstanding liability did not exceed \$5,000 at the end of the reporting period.

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J. "Self-employment" means a person qualifying as an independent contractor under Title 39, section 2, subsection 13.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting after section 13 a new section to read:

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'Sec. 14. 5 MRSA §19, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

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2-A. Statement of reportable liabilities. Each executive employee shall annually file with the Secretary of State a sworn and notarized statement of reportable liabilities for the preceding calendar year. The statement shall indicate the specific identity of any creditor.'

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Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment requires executive employees and Legislators to annually file statements of their reportable liabilities.

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