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L.D. 1773  
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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "E" to H.P. 1282, L.D. 1773, Bill, "An Act Regarding Governmental Ethics"

Amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated "§1012." by striking out all of subsection 5 and renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill after section 9 by inserting the following:

'Sec. 10. 5 MRSA §18, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Lobbying restricted. No former executive employee may represent or personally appear before a joint standing committee of the Legislature to which legislation has been referred that involves matters that were within the responsibilities of that former executive employee until 12 months following the departure of the former executive employee from the executive branch position.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 14 and inserting in its place the following:

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

§19-A. Prohibition against acceptance of honoraria

1. Executive employee. For purposes of this section, "executive employee" has the same meaning as in section 19.

2. Honorarium. For purposes of this section, "honorarium" means a payment of money or anything of value to an executive employee for an appearance or a speech by the executive employee. "Honorarium" does not include:

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A. Reimbursement for any actual and necessary travel expenses incurred by the executive employee or an aide in connection with an appearance or a speech; or

B. A payment for an appearance or a speech if the appearance or speech is unrelated to the person's official capacity or duties as an executive employee.

3. Prohibition. It is unlawful for an executive employee to accept an honorarium.

4. Penalty. Any executive employee who violates this section shall be subject to a civil penalty, payable to the State, not to exceed twice the value of the honorarium.'

Further amend the bill to renumber the sections to read consecutively.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment replaces the honorarium section of the original bill with the honorarium provisions from the minority report. This amendment also corrects a numbering error in the bill.

(Senator HOBBS)   
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