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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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

Amend the bill by inserting after section 9 the following:

'Sec. 10. 1 MRSA §1025 is enacted to read:

§1025. Prohibition against acceptance of honoraria

1. Legislator. For purposes of this section, "Legislator" means a Senator or a member of the House of Representatives.

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

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

B. A payment for an appearance or speech if the appearance or speech is unrelated to the Legislator's official capacity or duties.

3. Prohibition. It is unlawful for a Legislator to accept an honorarium.

4. Penalty. Any Legislator 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 by inserting after section 14 the following:

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Sec. 15. 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" shall have 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 speech by the executive employee. Honorarium does not include:

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

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

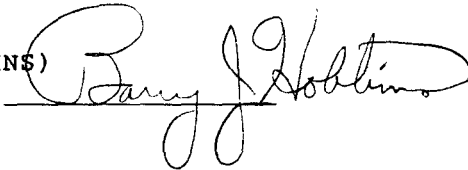
3. Prohibition. It is unlawful for an executive employee to accept an honorarium.

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.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment would prohibit the acceptance of honoraria by Legislators and executive branch officials. Acceptance of an honorarium would be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed twice the value of the honorarium.

(Senator HOBBS)
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