

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 29, 1990

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WEBSTER of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Senator WEYMOUTH of Kennebec, Representative GOULD of Greenville and Representative DEXTER of Kingfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act Concerning Full Disclosure of Legislation-influencing Donations and Expenditures.



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

4 Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §312-A, sub-§10-A is enacted to read:

6 10-A. Membership organization. "Membership organization"
8 means any group of persons, including persons organized in
10 another state, that solicits, accepts or obtains any fees, dues,
12 endorsements or gifts of any value from other persons or groups
14 of persons in exchange for the conference of a bona fide right,
16 privilege, professional standing, honor or other direct benefit.

18 Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §316, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 724, is
amended to read:

20 4. Nature of business. A description of the nature of the
22 business of the person employing such the lobbyist;--and.
24 Employers that are membership organizations shall include the
26 following information:

28 A. The total number of members and total revenues received
30 during the preceding year from membership fees, dues or
32 gifts paid by members;

34 B. The total number of members who are residents of the
36 State and total revenues received during the preceding year
38 from membership fees, dues or gifts paid by those members;
40 and

42 C. The total expenditures made by the organization in the
44 State during the preceding year for the primary purpose of
46 influencing legislative action; and

34 STATEMENT OF FACT

36 This bill amends the registration requirements contained in
38 the lobbyist disclosure procedures, provided in the Maine Revised
40 Statutes, Title 3, chapter 15, by requiring membership
42 organizations to disclose, at the time of registration, the
44 following information:

46 1. The total number of members in the organization;

48 2. The number of members who are residents of this State;

50 3. The total amount of money received by the organization
48 from membership dues, fees or gifts;

52 4. The amount of money received by the organization from
membership dues, fees or gifts paid by members who are residents
of this State; and

2 5. The total amount of expenditures made by the
organization in this State during the preceding year for the
4 purpose of influencing legislation.