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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 115TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

12 SENATE AMENDMENT "C," to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 14 1591, L.D. 2245, Bill, "An Act to Strengthen the Public Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" 16

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 3 the 18 following:

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

22 <u>10-A. Meals and entertainment activity. "Meals and entertainment activity" means the provision of a meal or entertainment to 5 or more officials in the legislative branch or administrative officials or both at a single event, whether or not the provision is for the purpose of influencing a legislative or administrative action.'</u>

Further amend the amendment after the 9th paragraph after 30 the title, by inserting after line 38 (page 2 in amendment) the following:

'Further amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 1, in 34 paragraph F in the 3rd line (page 3, line 40 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "branch" the following: 'or 36 administrative officials'

38 Further amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 1, in paragraph G in the 2nd line (page 3, line 46 in L.D.) by 40 inserting after the following: "branch" the following: 'or administrative officials' '

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of 44 paragraphs K and L (page 2, lines 49 to 52 and page 3, lines 2 to 7 in amendment) and inserting in their place the following:

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SENATE AMENDMENT

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'K. A section in which a lobbyist may indicate through a check mark that the lobbyist did not participate in any lobbying activities, receive compensation or receive reimbursement for expenses for that month;

L. A section in which a lobbyist may indicate through a check mark that the lobbyist requests an exemption under subsection 1-A. This section must clearly state that the lobbyist intends not to perform lobbying activities, receive compensation or receive reimbursement for expenditures until the Legislature convenes in a regular or special session; and

M.The date and total amount of money expended for each14meal and entertainment activity. This paragraph does not
apply to a meal or entertainment activity for which a16lobbyist spends \$50 or less'

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

24 This amendment adds a definition of "meals and entertainment activity," which means the provision of a meal or entertainment to 5 or more legislative or administrative officials at a single event, whether or not the event is related to a pending matter, and requires reporting of meals and entertainment activities if they exceed \$50. The amendment also requires reporting of lobbying expenditures made to influence administrative officials as well as legislative branch officials.

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