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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
116TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 295, L.D. 881, Bill, "An Act Regarding Lobbying"

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §163-B is enacted to read:

§163-B. Lobbying by certain employees prohibited

An employee hired pursuant to this chapter or chapter 1 may not engage in lobbying members of the Legislature for one year following termination of the employee's employment with the Legislature. As used in this section, "lobbying" has the same meaning as in section 312-A, subsection 9.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §18-A is enacted to read:

§18-A. Lobbying by certain employees prohibited

An unclassified employee in the executive branch employed in a policy-influencing position as defined in chapter 71 and a member of the Governor's office may not engage in lobbying members of the Legislature for one year following termination of that employee's employment in those positions. As used in this section, "lobbying" has the same meaning as in Title 3, section 312-A, subsection 9.

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

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L.D. 881

FISCAL NOTE

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The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices will incur some minor additional costs to handle any complaints regarding former Legislators, legislative employees, Governor's office staff and persons in policy-influencing positions serving as lobbyists prior to one year immediately following their departure from state employment. These costs can be absorbed within the commission's existing budgeted resources.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment prohibits unclassified employees in the executive branch employed in policy-influencing positions as well as members of the Governor's office from engaging in lobbying members of the Legislature one year following the employees' departure from state employment.

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This amendment also prohibits lobbying by persons employed by the Legislative Council, by staff assistants to legislative leadership and by employees of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate for one year after termination of legislative employment.

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