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STATE OF MAINE
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "D" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1380, L.D. 1867, Bill, "An Act to Correct Certain Inconsistencies in the Laws Relating to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices"

Amend the amendment on page 4 by striking out all of section 19 (page 4, lines 10 to 17 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 19. Fees; report. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, persons who registered or would have been required to register as lobbyist associates in fiscal year 1993-94 and pay a fee of \$100 shall pay a fee of \$100 for fiscal year 1994-95. All other lobbyist associates and lobbyists shall pay a fee of \$200 for fiscal year 1994-95. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by April 1, 1995 on the number of lobbyists and lobbyist associates registered and the amount of fees collected under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 313.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

Revising the definition of lobbyist and lobbyist associate and delaying the fee change until July 1, 1995 will reduce General Fund revenue by \$4,500 annually beginning in fiscal year 1995-96.

SENATE AMENDMENT

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2 The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices
4 will incur some minor additional costs to register state agency
6 employees who perform lobbying activities and to report to the
8 Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government on the
number of registered lobbyists and the amount of fees collected.
These costs can be absorbed within the commission's existing
budgeted resources.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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14 This amendment provides for the payment of registration fees
16 for lobbyists and lobbyist associates for fiscal year 1994-95 so
18 as not to impact the General Fund. The amendment requires the
Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to
report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
jurisdiction over state and local government matters by April 1,
1995. The amendment also replaces the fiscal note.

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24 SPONSORED BY: 

(Senator PEARSON)

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COUNTY: Penobscot

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