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No. 238

H.P. 185

House of Representatives, January 21, 1997

An Act to Prohibit Legislators from Accepting Gifts from Lobbyists.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BUCK of Yarmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland and
Representatives: BARTH of Bethel, CAMPBELL of Holden, CLUKEY of Houlton,
GIERINGER of Portland, LAYTON of Cherryfield, MADORE of Augusta, PINKHAM of
Lamoine, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1012, sub-§4, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1989, c.
4 561, §4, is amended to read:

6 A. Gifts received from a single source during the reporting
8 period with an aggregate value of \$300 or less, unless that
 source is a registered lobbyist;

10 **Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1016-A, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 561,
12 §9, is amended to read:

14 **3. Disclosure of gifts.** The Legislator shall name the
16 specific source of each gift that the Legislator receives, except
 that a Legislator may not accept a gift from a lobbyist.

18 **Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §317, sub-§1, ¶F,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 446,
20 Pt. A, §14 and affected by §20, is repealed.

22 **Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §317, sub-§1, ¶G,** as repealed and replaced by
24 PL 1993, c. 691, §19, is repealed.

26 **Sec. 5. 3 MRSA §317, sub-§1, ¶G-1,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.
28 446, Pt. A, §14 and affected by §20, is amended to read:

30 G-1. The date, a description of the event, a list of all
32 officials of ~~the legislative branch or~~ an administrative
34 agency or members of an official's immediate family and the
36 total amount of expenditures for the event, if the total
38 amount of the expenditures for officials and family members
40 total \$250 or more;

42 **Sec. 6. 3 MRSA §318, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

44 **3. Lobbyists prohibited from giving gifts.** A lobbyist may
 not give any member of the Legislature a gift, as defined in
 Title 1, section 1012.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits lobbyists from giving any gifts to
Legislators and prohibits any Legislator from accepting a gift
from a lobbyist.