

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1297

S.P. 402

In Senate, March 4, 1997

An Act Pertaining to Free Meals for Legislators during a Prayer Breakfast.

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 BENOIT of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal and
Senators: BUTLAND of Cumberland, DAGGETT of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset,
NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: JABAR of Waterville, KASPRZAK of
Newport, LAYTON of Cherryfield, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §602, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 1995, c. 33, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

C. "Pecuniary benefit" means any advantage in the form of money, property, commercial interest or anything else, the primary significance of which is economic gain; it does not include economic advantage applicable to the public generally, such as tax reduction or increased prosperity generally. "Pecuniary benefit" does not include the following:

(i) A meal, if the meal is provided by industry or special interest organizations as part of an informational program presented to a group of public servants;

(ii) A meal, if the meal is a prayer breakfast or a meal served during a meeting to establish a prayer breakfast; or

(iii) A subscription to a newspaper, news magazine or other news publication.

SUMMARY

This bill allows Legislators to receive a free meal if it is during a prayer breakfast or during a meeting to establish a prayer breakfast.