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H.P. 217

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

**An Act Regarding Lobbying by Government Agencies and Organizations
That Receive Public Funds.**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs 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 Representatives: LABRECQUE of Gorham, MACK of Standish, PERKINS
of Penobscot, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §313-A, last ¶**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 691,
§11, is further amended to read:

6 An employee registering under this section is exempt from
all other requirements under the law regarding lobbyists. An
8 employee required to register under this section may not spend
10 more than 8 hours in a calendar month lobbying for the employee's
12 department or agency. As used in this section, "lobbying" has
14 the same meaning as in section 312-A, subsection 9.

16 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §327** is enacted to read:

18 **§327. Testifying before legislative committees**

20 Before a lobbyist testifies before a legislative committee,
22 the lobbyist shall disclose to that committee the amount of
24 compensation from any governmental source received by the
26 lobbyist or the lobbyist's employer for the past year.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill limits lobbyists representing governmental
departments and agencies to no more than 8 hours of lobbying per
month. The bill also requires that before a lobbyist testifies
to a legislative committee, the lobbyist disclose to the
committee the amount of any compensation from a governmental
source received by the lobbyist or the lobbyist's employer for
the past year.