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No. 412

S.P. 136

In Senate, January 25, 2005

An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Lobbyist"

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs 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 PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: BIERMAN of Sorrento,
BROWN of South Berwick, MOORE of Standish, MOULTON of York, TARDY of Newport.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §312-A, sub-§10**, as repealed and replaced by PL
1993, c. 691, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its
place:

6 **10. Lobbyist.** "Lobbyist" means:

8 A. A person who is specifically employed by another person
10 for the purpose of and who engages in lobbying in excess of
8 hours in any calendar month; or

12 B. An individual who engages in lobbying in excess of 8
14 hours in any calendar month, whether or not some or all of
16 the hours spent lobbying are on a pro bono basis, and who is
compensated by the individual's employer or by another
18 entity for the time spent lobbying.

20 "Lobbyist" does not include a lobbyist associate.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 The purpose of this bill is to ensure the registration as
26 lobbyists of all individuals who engage in lobbying in excess of
8 hours in a calendar month and who receive compensation for
their time spent lobbying, whether or not the lobbying is done on
28 a pro bono basis. This bill amends the definition of "lobbyist"
to include individuals who lobby on a pro bono basis but who
30 receive compensation for the time spent lobbying.