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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P.
1262, L.D. 1822, Bill, "An Act To Require the Commission on
Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Produce a Register
of All Registered Lobbyists"

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Amend the amendment in section 1 in subsection 9 in the 9th
line (page 1, line 37 in amendment) by inserting after the
following: "action" the following: 'and time spent in public
hearings and work sessions of committees for the purpose of
monitoring legislative actions'

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Further amend the amendment in section 1 in subsection 9 by
striking out all of the last underlined sentence (page 1, lines
37 to 42 in amendment)

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Further amend the amendment in section 2 by striking out all
of subsection 10 and inserting in its place the following:

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'10. **Lobbyist.** "Lobbyist" means any person who is
specifically employed by another person for the purpose of and
who engages in lobbying in excess of 8 4 hours in any calendar
month, or any individual who, as a regular employee of another
person, expends an amount of time in excess of 8 4 hours in any
calendar month in lobbying. "Lobbyist" does not include a
lobbyist associate.'

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Further amend the amendment in section 9 in §317 in
subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph H-1 (page 6, lines
9 to 11 in amendment)

Further amend the amendment in section 9 in §317 in

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1262,
L.D. 1822

subsection 1 in paragraph H-2 in the first line (page 6, line 13
in amendment) by striking out the following: "H-2." and
inserting in its place the following: 'H-1.'

Further amend the amendment in section 9 in §317 in
subsection 1-A in the first line (page 6, line 40 in amendment)
by striking out the following: "10" and inserting in its place
the following: '5'

Further amend the amendment in section 11 by striking out
all of the first paragraph (page 8, lines 23 and 24 in amendment)
and inserting in its place the following:

'Fees collected pursuant to this chapter must go in equal
portions to the General Fund and to the commission, except that
all such fees collected in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006
and ending June 30, 2007 must go to the commission.'

SUMMARY

This amendment:


1. Amends the definition of "lobbying" to include time
spent in committee to monitor legislative actions;

2. Amends the definition of "lobbyist" by reducing the
threshold of lobbying from 8 to 4 hours in a calendar month;

3. Strikes the provision requiring an estimate of hours
spent for each legislative action;

4. Changes the number of days in which a lobbyist must
notify the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election
Practices of lobbying activity from 10 days proposed in Committee
Amendment "A" to 5 days; and

6. Provides that, for fiscal year 2006-07, all fees
collected under the lobbying laws must go to the commission
instead of 1/2 going to the General Fund.

SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative CANAVAN)

TOWN: Waterville

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 03/29/06 *MAC*

122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1822

LR 2879(03)

An Act to Require the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to Produce a Register of All Registered Lobbyists

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Canavan

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

| | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | Projections 2007-08 | Projections 2008-09 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | (\$55,000) | (\$55,000) |
| Revenue | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$55,000 | \$55,000 |
| Other Special Revenue Funds | \$0 | \$0 | (\$55,000) | (\$55,000) |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment limits the authority of the Commission of Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to keep all fine revenue for deposit as Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to fiscal year 2006-07 only. Therefore, the General Fund will not experience future annual revenue losses of \$55,000 beginning in fiscal year 2007-08.