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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "D" 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"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the first indented paragraph after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §315-A is enacted to read:

§315-A. Registration docket; disclosure website

1. Registration. The commission shall prepare and maintain a docket for the registration of lobbyists and employers of lobbyists required to register pursuant to this chapter. The registration docket and all supplementary files of information and materials filed pursuant to this chapter must be open to public inspection during the office hours of the commission. The docket must contain the name of the lobbyist and the person employing the lobbyist, the business address of each, the nature of the business of the person employing the lobbyist and a statement as to the compensation that the lobbyist will receive for lobbying services or, if an exact amount is not ascertainable, the basis upon which the lobbyist will charge for services. This docket must be updated on a monthly basis and arranged and indexed as follows:

A. An alphabetical listing of those persons who have employed a lobbyist, which listing must indicate the names of all lobbyists employed by the employer; and

B. An alphabetical listing of those persons employed as lobbyists, which listing must indicate the names of all persons by whom each lobbyist is employed.

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2 The docket must be reestablished annually by the commission and  
4 the docket for any year must be maintained and be available for  
public inspection in the office of the commission for 4 years  
6 from the expiration of the docket.

8 2. Disclosure website. The commission shall develop and  
maintain a publicly accessible website that displays:

10 A. A list of all persons who have employed a lobbyist during  
12 the current year;

14 B. A list of all lobbyists and lobbyist associates  
registered for the year;

16 C. A profile of each registered lobbyist and lobbyist  
18 associate, including contact information, the name of the  
lobbyist's employer or employers and, if provided by the  
20 lobbyist or lobbyist associate, a photograph of the lobbyist  
or lobbyist associate;

22 D. A profile of each person employing a lobbyist, including  
24 contact information for the employer, and a list of  
lobbyists and lobbyist associates engaged by the employer;  
26 and

28 E. For each employer, a list of all legislative actions that  
30 have been the subject of lobbying for the year, including  
hyperlinks to the summary page of the Legislature's publicly  
accessible website for each legislative document listed.'

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### SUMMARY

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36 This amendment strikes all of Committee Amendment "A" except  
that part that deals with the registration docket and disclosure  
website and changes in that section how often the docket needs to

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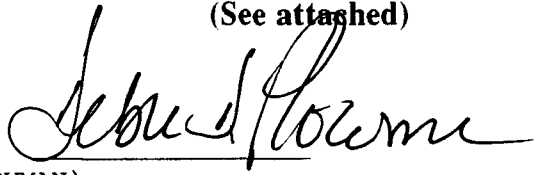
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be updated from weekly to monthly and deletes the phrase "issues  
and topics" as it pertains to lobbying.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)



SPONSORED BY:  
(Senator PLOWMAN)

COUNTY: Penobscot



# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1822

LR 2879(13)

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

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Plowman

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

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

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Removing the provision of the legislation that allows the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to keep all of the lobbyist registration fees that it collects will eliminate the estimated annual loss of \$55,000 in General Fund revenue and an equivalent gain of the same amount in dedicated revenue that was to begin in fiscal year 2006-07.