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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1395, L.D. 1993, Bill, "An Act To Make Public Information Regarding Financial Interests Affecting Legislative Testimony"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Regarding Testimony Presented to Joint Select and Joint Standing Committees of the Legislature by Persons Paid To Testify'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §319-A is enacted to read:

§319-A. Testimony before Legislature; lobbyist

1. Disclosure of compensation. A lobbyist or lobbyist associate who testifies before a joint select or joint standing committee of the Legislature shall disclose to the committee as part of the testimony the name of the person or organization that the lobbyist or lobbyist associate is representing. A lobbyist or lobbyist associate shall disclose to the committee orally or in written form the name of any person who is being compensated by the lobbyist or lobbyist associate or by the person or organization that the lobbyist or lobbyist associate is representing to testify before that committee.

2. Report of violation. A member of the Legislature may file a complaint with the commission alleging a violation of this

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2 section in accordance with the Joint Rules of the Legislature.  
3 The commission shall notify all interested parties and shall  
4 investigate any apparent violations of this section.

6 3. Penalty. If a lobbyist or lobbyist associate fails to  
7 disclose information required in subsection 1, the commission may:

8 A. Suspend the lobbyist or lobbyist associate from further  
9 lobbying by written notice of the commission; and

10 B. Assess a penalty of up to \$5,000 against the lobbyist or  
11 lobbyist associate.'

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. It  
17 requires a lobbyist or lobbyist associate to disclose the name of  
18 the person or organization represented when testifying before a  
19 joint select or joint standing committee of the Legislature. It  
20 also requires the lobbyist or lobbyist associate to disclose  
21 whether the lobbyist or lobbyist associate or the person or  
22 organization represented is compensating a person who is  
23 testifying before a joint select or joint standing committee of  
24 the Legislature. The amendment provides that alleged violations  
25 of this requirement may be reported to the Commission on  
26 Governmental Ethics and Election Practices in accordance with the  
27 Joint Rules of the Legislature.

30 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
31 **(See attached)**

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**An Act To Make Public Information Regarding Financial Interests Affecting Legislative Testimony**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**

**Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Possible biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The establishment of a penalty for the failure of a lobbyist to disclose certain information may result in an increase of Other Special Revenue Funds fine revenue collected by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. The amounts will depend on the number of penalties that are assessed and the amount of each penalty and can not be determined at this time.