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### **An Act To Provide Information to the Public Regarding Lobbying and Lobbyists**

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Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §315, first ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1993, c. 691, §14,  
3 is amended to read:

4 The commission shall prepare and maintain a docket for the registration of lobbyists  
5 and employers of lobbyists required to register pursuant to this chapter. The registration  
6 docket and all supplementary files of information and materials filed pursuant to this  
7 chapter must be open to public inspection during the office hours of the commission.  
8 The docket must contain the name of the lobbyist and the person employing the lobbyist;  
9 the business address of each; the nature of the business of the person employing the  
10 lobbyist; a photograph of the lobbyist; a professional biography of the lobbyist containing  
11 contact information, relevant past professional work, specific issues or specialty and a list  
12 of companies the lobbyist represents; and a statement as to the compensation that the  
13 lobbyist will receive for lobbying services or, if an exact amount is unascertainable, the  
14 basis upon which the lobbyist will charge for services. This docket must be updated on a  
15 weekly basis and arranged and indexed as follows:

16 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §315, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 446, Pt. A, §12 and  
17 affected by §20, is further amended to read:

18 **2. Lobbyists.** An alphabetical listing of those persons employed as lobbyists, which  
19 listing must indicate the names of all persons by whom each lobbyist is employed, and  
20 include a photograph of the lobbyist and a professional biography of the lobbyist  
21 containing contact information, relevant past professional work, specific issues or  
22 specialty and a list of companies the lobbyist represents.

23 **Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §315-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 613, §1, is amended  
24 to read:

25 **1. Registration.** The commission shall prepare and maintain a docket for the  
26 registration of lobbyists and employers of lobbyists required to register pursuant to this  
27 chapter. The registration docket and all supplementary files of information and materials  
28 filed pursuant to this chapter must be open to public inspection during the office hours of  
29 the commission. The docket must contain the name of the lobbyist and the person  
30 employing the lobbyist, the business address of each, the nature of the business of the  
31 person employing the lobbyist, a photograph of the lobbyist, a professional biography of  
32 the lobbyist containing contact information, relevant past professional work, specific  
33 issues or specialty and a list of companies the lobbyist represents and a statement as to the  
34 compensation that the lobbyist will receive for lobbying services or, if an exact amount is  
35 not ascertainable, the basis upon which the lobbyist will charge for services. This docket  
36 must be updated on a monthly basis and arranged and indexed as follows:

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

39 B. An alphabetical listing of those persons employed as lobbyists, which listing  
40 must indicate the names of all persons by whom each lobbyist is employed, a  
41 photograph of the lobbyist and a professional biography of the lobbyist containing

1 contact information, relevant past professional work, specific issues or specialty and a  
2 list of companies the lobbyist represents.

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

6 **Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §315-A, sub-§2, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 613, §1, is  
7 amended to read:

8 C. A profile of each registered lobbyist and lobbyist associate, including contact  
9 information, the name of the lobbyist's employer or employers, relevant past  
10 professional work, specific issues or specialty, a list of companies the lobbyist  
11 represents and, ~~if provided by the lobbyist or lobbyist associate,~~ a photograph of the  
12 lobbyist or lobbyist associate;

13 **Sec. 5. 3 MRSA §327** is enacted to read:

14 **§327. Identification**

15 A lobbyist shall wear a name tag designed by the commission whenever the lobbyist  
16 is lobbying. A lobbyist shall state the lobbyist's name, the company the lobbyist works  
17 for and the client the lobbyist represents whenever the lobbyist approaches a Legislator.

18 **Sec. 6. Name tag.** The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices  
19 shall design a name tag with a distinctive background color and typeface that will  
20 immediately identify a lobbyist as a lobbyist that is to be used by a lobbyist pursuant to  
21 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 327.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill requires lobbyists to wear name tags of a distinctive color and typeface that  
24 will immediately identify the lobbyists as lobbyists and to give their names, the  
25 companies they work for and the clients they represent whenever they approach  
26 Legislators. This bill also requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election  
27 Practices to collect from lobbyists for the lobbyist registry docket and from lobbyists and  
28 lobbyist associates for the commission website contact information, a photograph and a  
29 professional biography containing past professional work, specific issues or specialty and  
30 a list of represented companies.