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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 481,
L.D. 1393, Bill, "An Act Regarding Lobbyist Disclosure"

Amend the amendment in section 2 in subsection 7-B by striking out all of paragraph A (page 1, line 23 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'A. An advertisement or other paid programming transmitted through a broadcast or cable station or satellite transmission;'

Amend the amendment in section 2 in subsection 7-B by striking out all of paragraph C (page 1, line 25 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'C. A paid advertisement in a newspaper or other print media;'

Amend the amendment in section 7 in §317-A in the first paragraph in the first line (page 2, line 28 in amendment) by striking out the following: "\$2,000" and inserting the following: '\$5,000'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies the definition of "grassroots lobbying" to specify that it includes an advertisement or other paid programming transmitted through a broadcast or cable station or satellite transmission and a paid advertisement in a newspaper or other print media.

This amendment also increases the grassroots lobbying spending threshold at which a person is required to file a report from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

SPONSORED BY: John L. Patrick

(Representative PATRICK)

TOWN: Rumford

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

HOUSE AMENDMENT



Approved: 04/08/08 *MAC*

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LD 1393

LR 2534(04)

An Act Regarding Lobbyist Disclosure

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

Sponsor: Rep. Patrick of Rumford

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment increases the dollar amount spent on grassroots lobbying before a person needs to report it and could result in minor savings to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices