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### An Act Regarding Lobbyist Disclosure

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Reported by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec for the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1007.

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed under Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

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

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §312-A, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 691, §4, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **7. Expenditure.** "Expenditure" means anything of value or any contract, promise or  
5 agreement to transfer anything of value, whether or not legally enforceable. ~~Expenditure~~  
6 ~~includes:~~

7 ~~B.—A payment of compensation to a lobbyist by a person employing, retaining or~~  
8 ~~contracting for the services of the lobbyist separately or jointly with other persons;~~

9 ~~C.—A payment for or in connection with soliciting or urging other persons to enter~~  
10 ~~into direct communication with a public official.~~

11 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §312-A, sub-§7-A**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 446, Pt. A, §10  
12 and as affected by §20, is amended to read:

13 **7-A. Immediate family.** "Immediate family" means a person's spouse or domestic  
14 partner as defined in Title 22, section 2710 and dependent children.

15 **Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §315**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 691, §§14 and 15, is repealed.

16 **Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §321, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

17 **8. Investigations.** The commission may undertake audits and investigations to  
18 determine the facts concerning the registration and reporting of lobbyists and their  
19 employers. For this purpose, the commission may subpoena witnesses and records and  
20 take evidence under oath.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill amends the definition of "expenditure" and adds the term "domestic partner"  
23 in the definition of "immediate family" in the laws governing lobbyist disclosure  
24 procedures. It repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 315, which was  
25 replaced by section 315-A. It provides the Commission on Governmental Ethics and  
26 Election Practices the authority to audit and investigate information contained in  
27 lobbyists' and employers' registrations and reports and grants the commission subpoena  
28 power to accomplish this.