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House of Representatives, May 8, 2007

An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to Lobbying

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville.
Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and
Representatives: CROCKETT of Augusta, PINGREE of North Haven, SAVAGE of Falmouth,
TRINWARD of Waterville, Senator: DOW of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §312-A, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 446, Pt. A, §5, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **9. Lobbying.** "Lobbying" means to communicate directly with any official in the
5 Legislature for the purpose of influencing any legislative action or with the Governor for
6 the purpose of influencing the approval or veto of a legislative action when
7 reimbursement for expenditures or compensation is made for those activities. It includes
8 the time spent to prepare and submit to the Governor, a Legislator or a legislative
9 committee oral and written proposals for, or testimony or analyses concerning, a
10 legislative action. "Lobbying" includes solicitation.

11 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §312-A, sub-§14-A** is enacted to read:

12 **14-A. Solicitation.** "Solicitation" means any advertising, including television, radio,
13 print and Internet advertising, or telemarketing used for the purpose of influencing any
14 legislative action.

15 **Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §317, sub-§1, ¶E-1** is enacted to read:

16 **E-1.** The specific dollar amount of expenditures for solicitation made during the
17 month for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill amends the definition of "lobbying" to include the solicitation of others to
20 influence legislative action and defines "solicitation." The bill also requires a lobbyist to
21 include in the lobbyist's monthly report to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and
22 Election Practices the specific dollar amount of expenditures for solicitation.