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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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### An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Lobbyist Disclosure

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CAREY of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, TRINWARD of Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §315-A, sub-§2, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 630, §11, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 E. For each employer, a list of all legislative actions that have been the subject of  
5 lobbying for the year, including hyperlinks to the summary page of the Legislature's  
6 publicly accessible website for each legislative document listed; and

7 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §315-A, sub-§2, ¶F,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 630, §11, is  
8 amended to read:

9 F. A list of officials in the executive branch as defined in section 312-A, subsection  
10 10-C; and

11 **Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §315-A, sub-§2, ¶G** is enacted to read:

12 G. An online photographic guide to registered lobbyists and lobbyist associates  
13 organized by each joint standing committee of the Legislature that the lobbyists and  
14 lobbyist associates have designated in accordance with section 316, subsection 4-B.

15 **Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §316, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

16 2-A. Photographs. Photographs of the lobbyist and lobbyist associates, unless the  
17 photographs have been provided previously or the commission has granted a waiver of  
18 this requirement for security or other reasons;

19 **Sec. 5. 3 MRSA §317, sub-§1, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 630, §14, is  
20 further amended to read:

21 D. The specific dollar amount of compensation received for the preparation of  
22 documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action and  
23 for lobbying activities, as defined in section 312-A, subsection 9, during the month.  
24 The amount of compensation received for lobbying officials in the legislative branch,  
25 officials in the executive branch and constitutional officers must be reported  
26 separately.

27 In the case of a regular employee, the specific dollar amount must be computed by  
28 multiplying the number of hours devoted to the preparation of documents and  
29 research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action and to lobbying by  
30 the employee's regular rate of pay based on a 40-hour week;

31 **Sec. 6. 3 MRSA §317, sub-§1, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 630, §14, is  
32 further amended to read:

33 E. The specific dollar amount of expenditures made or incurred by the lobbyist  
34 during the month that is the subject of the report with regard to the preparation of  
35 documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action and  
36 for purposes of lobbying as defined in section 312-A, subsection 9 for which the  
37 lobbyist has been or expects to be reimbursed. The amount of expenditures for

1 lobbying officials in the legislative branch, officials in the executive branch and  
2 constitutional officers must be reported separately;

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill amends the law governing lobbyist disclosure by:

5 1. Requiring the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to  
6 publish an online photographic guide to lobbyists and lobbyist associates organized by  
7 legislative committee and requiring that lobbyists submit photographs unless the lobbyists  
8 or lobbyist associates have waivers from the commission; and

9 2. Restoring language that was removed in Public Law 2007, chapter 630 that  
10 requires every registered lobbyist to file in a monthly report the amount of compensation  
11 received for and the amount of expenditures made or incurred with regard to the  
12 preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative  
13 action.