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# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 373

In Senate, March 19, 2013

### **An Act To Require Nonprofit Corporations To Disclose the Salaries of Their Employees**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator THOMAS of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Representative LOCKMAN of Amherst and  
Senators: HAMPER of Oxford, LANGLEY of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin,  
Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, GIFFORD of Lincoln, TURNER of Burlington, WOOD  
of Sabattus.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 13-B MRSA §1301, sub-§1, ¶¶D and E**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 323,  
3 Pt. B, §27 and affected by Pt. G, §4, are amended to read:

4 D. A brief statement of the character of the activities in which the domestic or  
5 foreign corporation is actually engaged in this State, if any; ~~and~~

6 E. The address of its principal office, wherever located; and

7 **Sec. 2. 13-B MRSA §1301, sub-§1, ¶F** is enacted to read:

8 F. The salary amount paid to each employee if required by section 1308.

9 **Sec. 3. 13-B MRSA §1308** is enacted to read:

10 **§1308. Compensation information**

11 **1. Duty to disclose.** A nonprofit corporation subject to this Title shall provide to the  
12 public the salary amount paid by that corporation to each employee of that corporation.  
13 A nonprofit corporation shall make the salary information available by posting the  
14 information on its publicly accessible website, or through other comparable means, and  
15 must also provide the information to any requesting member of the public within a  
16 reasonable time after receiving the request. The nonprofit corporation shall update the  
17 salary information it provides at least every 12 months.

18 **2. Exception for churches.** The requirements of this section do not apply to an  
19 organization whose primary purpose is religious worship or the management of buildings  
20 the primary function of which is housing religious worship.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 The purpose of this bill is to make publicly available the salaries of employees of  
23 nonprofit corporations. This bill provides that this salary information must be provided  
24 on a nonprofit corporation's publicly accessible website, or through other comparable  
25 means, and must be provided to any member of the public upon request. This salary  
26 information must also be provided in the nonprofit corporation's annual report to the  
27 Secretary of State. Churches are not subject to the requirements of this bill.