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Date 6/14/23

(Filing No S-301)

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

131ST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 644, L D 1627, "An Act to Improve Disclosure of Lobbyist Activities"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following

'Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §313, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c 114, §1, is amended to read

1. Registration. No later than ~~15 business~~ 10 calendar days after lobbying more than 8 hours in a calendar month on behalf of an employer, a lobbyist shall submit a joint registration to the commission for the employer, the lobbyist and any lobbyist associates and pay a registration fee of \$250 The lobbyist shall pay an additional \$125 for each lobbyist associate included in the joint registration '

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, replaces the bill The amendment reduces the number of days lobbyists, lobbyist associates and employers have to register as lobbyists after lobbying more than 8 hours in a calendar month on behalf of an employer from 15 business days, as provided in current law, to 10 calendar days

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1627

LR 2364(02)

An Act to Improve Disclosure of Lobbyist Activities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A(S-301)"

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adopt the changes in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources