

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PORTLAND, MAINE  
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In lieu of a monthly clothing allowance, the department may provide for clothing for children by direct purchase.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved. Title 22, section 3802, subsection 1, paragraph C, the last sentence, shall be effective until March 1, 1978.

Effective May 2, 1977, unless otherwise indicated

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## CHAPTER 108

**AN ACT to Clarify the Definition of Activities Reportable as Lobbying.**

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA § 313, as reenacted by PL 1975, c. 724, is amended to read:

§ 313. Registration of lobbyists and employers

Any person acting as a lobbyist and the person who employs that lobbyist shall jointly register at the office of the Secretary of State no later than 7 business days after the commencement of activities constituting lobbying and a fee, as determined by the Secretary of State, shall be paid for such joint registration.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA § 317, sub-§ 1, ¶¶ A and B, as reenacted by PL 1975, c. 724, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

A. Compensation, not otherwise reported during the previous month, received and due to be received:

- (1) For lobbying;
- (2) For the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action.

In the case of a regular employee, such amount reported shall be the number of hours devoted:

- (3) To lobbying;
- (4) To the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action, multiplied by the employee's regular rate of pay;

B. Total expenditures, not otherwise reported during the previous month, for which the lobbyist has been and expects to be reimbursed:

(1) For lobbying;

(2) For the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action;

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA § 317, sub-§ 3, ¶¶ B and C, as reenacted by PL 1975, c. 724, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

B. The total amount of compensation paid to the lobbyist by the employer during the previous year and due the lobbyist for the previous year:

(1) For lobbying;

(2) For the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action;

C. The total expenditures made by the lobbyist during the preceding year for which the lobbyist has been and expects to be reimbursed by the employer:

(1) For lobbying;

(2) For the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action;

Sec. 4. **Effective date.** This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1978.

Effective January 1, 1978

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## CHAPTER 109

### **AN ACT to Ensure that the Uniform Property Tax Rate Conforms to Limits on Educational Funding Established by Statute.**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there has been a recent increase in the state valuation; and

Whereas, the present statutory mill tax rate will probably produce more than ½ of the total cost of education and therefore will be in violation of the Revised Statutes, Title 20, section 3747; and

Whereas, inadvertently a conflict between the existing mill tax rate and that provided under Title 20, section 3747 has been created which the Legislature must resolve; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emer-