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An Act To Require the Reporting of Executive Branch Lobbying

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

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

9. Lobbying. "Lobbying" means to communicate directly with any official in the Legislature legislative branch or any official in the executive branch or with a constitutional officer for the purpose of influencing any legislative action or with the Governor or the Governor's cabinet and staff for the purpose of influencing the approval or veto of a legislative action when reimbursement for expenditures or compensation is made for those activities. ~~It~~ "Lobbying" includes the time spent to prepare and submit to the Governor, a Legislator an official in the legislative branch, an official in the executive branch, a constitutional officer or a legislative committee oral and written proposals for, or testimony or analyses concerning, a legislative action. "Lobbying" does not include time spent by any person providing information to or participating in a subcommittee, stakeholder group, task force or other work group regarding a legislative action by the appointment or at the request of the Governor, a Legislator or legislative committee, a constitutional officer, a state agency commissioner or the chair of a state board or commission as long as the person's regular employment does not otherwise include lobbying.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §312-A, sub-§10-C is enacted to read:

10-C. Official in the executive branch. "Official in the executive branch" means an individual in a major policy-influencing position listed in Title 5, chapter 71, the Governor's cabinet and staff and any individual in a major policy-influencing position in any other agency or independent agency, as defined in section 953, who is not specifically named in Title 5, chapter 71.

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §317, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 1993, c. 446, Pt. A, §14 and affected by §20, is further amended to read:

D. The specific dollar amount of compensation received for the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action and for lobbying, specifying the amount of compensation received for lobbying officials in the legislative branch, officials in the executive branch and constitutional officers separately.

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

Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §317, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 1993, c. 446, Pt. A, §14 and affected by §20, is further amended to read:

E. The specific dollar amount of expenditures made during the month that is the subject of the report with regard to the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action and to lobbying for which the lobbyist has been or expects to be reimbursed, specifying the amount of expenditures for lobbying officials in the legislative branch, officials in the executive branch and constitutional officers separately;

Sec. 5. 3 MRSA §317, sub-§1, ¶G-1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 446, Pt. A, §14 and affected by §20, is amended to read:

G-1. The date, ~~and~~ a description of ~~the~~ an event, a list of all officials ~~of~~ in the legislative branch or ~~administrative agency~~ executive branch or members of an official's immediate family in attendance and the total amount of expenditures for the event, if the total amount of the expenditures for officials and family members ~~totalis~~ is \$250 or more;

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