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House of Representatives, February 21, 2023

**An Act to Prohibit Persons Who Donate to a Governor's Transition
Committee and Inaugural Committee from Registering as Lobbyists**

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland.
Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and
Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, CARLOW of Buxton, COLLINGS of Portland,
HYMES of Waldo, PLUECKER of Warren, SMITH of Palermo, WARREN of Scarborough,
Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §318-A**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 288, §1, is repealed and the
3 following enacted in its place:

4 **§318-A. Prohibitions**

5 **1. Previous employment.** A person may not register as a lobbyist or lobbyist associate
6 or engage in activities that require registration as a lobbyist or lobbyist associate as defined
7 by section 312-A, subsections 10 and 10-A, respectively, if that person has within the
8 previous 12 months been employed in a position for which the salary is subject to
9 adjustment by the Governor under Title 2, section 6 or that is described as a major policy-
10 influencing position under Title 5, chapter 71. A person who violates this subsection may
11 be assessed a fine of \$100 for every day the person engages in lobbying.

12 **2. Contribution to transition committee or inaugural committee or expenses.** A
13 person may not register as a lobbyist or lobbyist associate or engage in activities that require
14 registration as a lobbyist or lobbyist associate as defined in section 312-A, subsections 10
15 and 10-A, respectively, if that person has contributed to the transition committee or
16 inaugural committee or expenses of a Governor-elect. The prohibition described in this
17 subsection is in effect for the length of the term served by the Governor-elect as Governor.
18 A person who violates this subsection may be assessed a fine of \$100 for every day the
19 person engages in lobbying.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill prohibits a person from registering as a lobbyist or lobbyist associate or
22 engaging in activities that require registration as a lobbyist or lobbyist associate if the
23 person has contributed to the transitional committee or inaugural committee or expenses of
24 a Governor-elect. The prohibition is in effect for the length of the term served by the
25 Governor-elect as Governor.