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An Act to Improve Disclosure of Lobbyist Activities

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco and
Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representative: BOYER of Poland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §317-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§317-B. Contracts and legislation**

4 In addition to the other reports required under this chapter, a lobbyist shall file the
5 following reports with the commission.

6 **1. Contracts.** Within 48 hours of entering into an agreement with another person for
7 the purpose of lobbying for that person, a lobbyist shall file a report with the commission,
8 on a form specified by the commission, disclosing the employment agreement.

9 **2. Legislation.** A lobbyist who engages in lobbying of the Legislature shall, no later
10 than noon each Friday when the Legislature is in session, file a report with the commission,
11 on a form specified by the commission, detailing each legislative instrument or action on
12 which the lobbyist spent any time lobbying.

13 **3. State agencies.** A lobbyist who engages in lobbying of a state agency shall, no later
14 than noon each Friday, file a report with the commission, on a form specified by the
15 commission, detailing each issue before a state agency on which the lobbyist spent any
16 time lobbying.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires a lobbyist to file the following reports with the Commission on
19 Governmental Ethics and Election Practices:

20 1. Within 48 hours of entering into an agreement with another person for the purpose
21 of lobbying for that person, a report disclosing the employment agreement;

22 2. No later than noon each Friday when the Legislature is in session, a report detailing
23 each legislative instrument or action on which the lobbyist spent any time lobbying; and

24 3. No later than noon each Friday, a report detailing each issue before a state agency
25 on which the lobbyist spent any time lobbying.