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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 610, L.D. 859, Bill, “An Act To Increase Ethics and Transparency in Government Service ”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the bill in section 2 in §318-A in the indented paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "A person may not engage in lobbying if that person has within the previous 5 years" and inserting the following: 'Beginning January 1, 2015, a person may not engage in activities that require registration as a lobbyist or lobbyist associate as defined by section 312-A, subsections 10 and 10-A if that person has within the previous 12 months'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3.

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

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the provision in the bill that states that a person may not be employed in a position for which the salary is subject to adjustment by the Governor or in a major policy-influencing position if that person has engaged in lobbying in the previous 12 months. The amendment clarifies the provision in the bill that prohibits a person from lobbying if that person has been employed in a position for which the salary is subject to adjustment by the Governor or in a major policy-influencing position within the previous 5 years. It reduces that waiting period to 12 months and makes the prohibition effective beginning January 1, 2015.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT