

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

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S.P. 695 - L.D. 1842

**An Act To Require Education and Training Regarding Harassment for  
Legislators, Legislative Staff and Lobbyists**

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

**Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §170-B** is enacted to read:

**§170-B. Required training regarding harassment**

All Legislators, legislative staff and lobbyists shall attend and complete a course of in-person education and training regarding harassment, including sexual harassment, at the beginning of each regular session of the Legislature. The Legislative Council shall develop and implement this course of education and training. For the purpose of this section, "lobbyist" has the same meaning as in section 312-A, subsection 10.

**Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §312-B** is enacted to read:

**§312-B. Required training regarding harassment**

A lobbyist shall complete the training required under section 170-B, retain proof of completion of the training for 2 years following completion and certify completion of that training to the commission at the time of registration under section 313. If completion of the required training prior to registration is not possible due to circumstances that are beyond a lobbyist's control, the commission may provide a limited extension to that lobbyist for completion of the training. If a lobbyist has a very limited physical presence in the State House and the Burton M. Cross Building, the commission may exempt the lobbyist from the requirements of this section.

**Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §316, sub-§4-C**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 630, §12, is amended to read:

**4-C. Website of employer.** The address for the employer's publicly accessible website; and

**Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §316, sub-§4-D** is enacted to read:

**4-D. Date of completion of required harassment training.** The date that the lobbyist completed the training required under section 170-B; and

**Sec. 5. 3 MRSA §321, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

**9. Reject registrations.** The commission shall reject registrations that do not include certification of completion of training required under section 170-B.

**Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LEGISLATURE**

**Legislature 0081**

Initiative: Appropriates funds for the contracting and related costs of providing harassment training for lobbyists.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$0	\$2,650
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,650</b>