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An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Office of Marijuana Policy

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §318-A, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 288, §1, is amended to
3 read:

4 Beginning January 1, 2015, a person may not engage in activities that require
5 registration as a lobbyist or lobbyist associate as defined by section 312-A, subsections 10
6 and 10-A if that person has within the previous 12 months been employed in a position for
7 which the salary is subject to adjustment by the Governor under Title 2, section 6 or that is
8 described as a major policy-influencing position under Title 5, chapter 71. Beginning
9 January 1, 2022, a person may not be employed in a position or engage in a compensated
10 activity that requires registration as a lobbyist or lobbyist associate as defined by section
11 312-A, subsections 10 and 10-A if that person has within the previous 24 months been
12 employed by or provided compensated or uncompensated services to the Department of
13 Administrative and Financial Services, office of marijuana policy. A person who violates
14 this section may be assessed a fine of \$100 for every day the person engages in ~~lobbying~~
15 employment or activities prohibited in this section.

16 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §7057** is enacted to read:

17 **§7057. Employees of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office**
18 **of marijuana policy**

19 Beginning January 1, 2022, a person may not be employed by or engage in a
20 compensated activity for an entity registered under Title 22, chapter 558-C or licensed
21 under Title 28-B, chapter 1 if that person has within the previous 24 months provided
22 compensated or uncompensated services for or been employed as an officer or employee
23 in the classified service or an employee from the executive branch in the unclassified
24 service of this State by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of
25 marijuana policy.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill requires a person who was employed by or otherwise worked for the
28 Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of marijuana policy to wait at
29 least 24 months before being employed by or engaging in compensated activities as a
30 lobbyist or being employed by or engaging in compensated activities for an entity requiring
31 licensure or registration under the adult use or medical marijuana provisions of the Maine
32 Revised Statutes.