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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 547, L.D. 861, “An Act Related to the Work of the Public Advocate”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Prohibit the Public Advocate and a Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission from Certain Employment Activities Following Service'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §124 is enacted to read:

§124. Post-term employment restrictions; commissioners

1. Definition. As used in this section, "employment" means any full-time or part-time work performed for compensation and includes, but is not limited to, consulting and membership on a board.

2. Prohibitions. An individual serving as a commissioner on or appointed to serve as a commissioner on or after December 15, 2025 may not, until 60 months after the completion of the commissioner's service in accordance with section 105, subsection 2:

A. Solicit employment with or accept employment from a public utility in the State; or

B. Appear before the commission for compensation in a commission proceeding on behalf of a person.

3. Penalties. An individual who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 per occurrence, payable to the State.

4. Enforcement. The Office of the Attorney General may investigate alleged violations of this section and bring an action for a violation of this section.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §1715 is enacted to read:

§1715. Post-term employment restrictions

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

