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Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

‘**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.’

**SUMMARY**

This amendment requires that lobbyists submit certification of completion of harassment training to the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices at the time of registration, and directs the commission to reject registrations that do not include certification of completion of training. 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. This amendment also authorizes the commission to exempt lobbyists with a very limited physical presence in the State House complex from the requirement to complete harassment training prior to registration as lobbyists.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)