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Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1015-A, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 534, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

D. "Lobbying firm" has the same meaning as in Title 3, section 312-A, subsection 9-A.’

Amend the bill in section 6 in §313 in the 5th line (page 2, line 18 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "hours in a" the following: 'calendar'

Amend the bill in section 8 in sub-§3 in the 2nd line (page 3, line 2 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "hours of lobbying in a" the following: 'calendar'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 9 and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 9. 3 MRSA §316, sub-§4-D**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 443, §4, is amended to read:

**4-D. Date of completion or request for extension of or exemption from required harassment training.** The date that the lobbyist and each lobbyist associate completed the training required under section 170-B or, if the lobbyist or lobbyist associate has not completed the required training, a statement that the lobbyist or lobbyist associate has requested or is requesting an extension or exemption pursuant to section 312-B; and’

Amend the bill in section 12 in sub-§1 in paragraph G-1 in the 2nd line (page 4, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "lobbyist" the following: ', lobbyist associate or lobbying firm'

Amend the bill in section 13 in sub-§1-A in paragraph B in subparagraph (2) in the first line (page 5, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or lobbyist associate and" and inserting the following: ', lobbyist associate or'

Amend the bill in section 14 in sub-§4 in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 5, line 36 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "lobbyist" the following: 'and lobbyist associate'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 15 and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 15. 3 MRSA §317, sub-§4, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 446, Pt. A, §14 and affected by §20, is amended to read:

B. If the lobbyist or lobbyist associate is engaged in lobbying, if the lobbyist, lobbyist associate or employer conducts indirect lobbying or if the employer makes any expenditures directly to or on behalf of a covered official or a covered official's immediate family member in any of those months, a monthly report in the manner prescribed in subsection 1 even if compensation or reimbursement for expenses has not been received for the month.’

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

## **SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, makes several changes to the law governing lobbyist registration forms. It allows lobbyists, who are authorized in limited circumstances under current law to request an extension to complete or an exemption from completing required harassment training, to request the extension or exemption on the registration form. It also requires that the date each lobbyist associate completed the harassment training be listed on the registration form or, if the training has not been completed, allows the lobbyist to request for the lobbyist associate an extension to complete or exemption from completing the required harassment training on the registration form.

The amendment repeals and replaces the definition of "lobbying firm" in the law governing campaign contributions by lobbyists, lobbyist associates and lobbying firms, which was recently enacted in Public Law 2019, chapter 534, to align it with the bill's definition. It also makes several technical amendments to the bill.