

124th Legislature
Bills of Interest

June 18, 2009

SIGNED INTO LAW

LD 310 – TRINWARD - An Act Regarding Grassroots Lobbying

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and strikes the provision in the bill that would have required a person who is not already reporting as a lobbyist to submit a report to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices when that person has spent in excess of \$2,000 on grassroots lobbying. The amendment also changes the term "grassroots lobbying" to "indirect lobbying." It specifies that indirect lobbying is communication to members of the general public soliciting them to directly communicate with Legislators or members of the executive branch regarding a legislative action. Under this amendment reporting indirect lobbying expenditures would not be required until \$15,000 was spent on that activity during the month subject to the report. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 353 - CAINE - An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011

See [summary](#).

LD 545 - BLISS - An Act To Amend the Tax Exemption Regarding Leased Property

This bill amends the tax exemption for the property of institutions and organizations to limit the tax exemption for leased property used by hospitals to personal property only.

LD 685 - SULLIVAN - An Act To Restore the Minimum Wage Exemption for Summer Camp Counselors Working at Day Camps

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and clause and clarifies that counselors, junior counselors or counselors-in-training employed by organized camps licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services and those employees under 18 years of age who work for nonprofit organized camps and similar seasonal recreation programs are exempt from minimum wage requirements.

LD 702 - BROWNE - An Act To Allow the Donation of Perishable Food Products to Nonprofit Organizations

This bill amends the law that establishes immunity for the donors and distributors of certain good faith food donations by clarifying that the immunity extends to donations of food that is beyond the date by which the manufacturer recommends that the food be sold.

LD 771 - SULLIVAN - An Act To Allow Certain Organizations To Hold Raffles

This amendment strikes the provisions of the bill, which amended the laws governing who is eligible for a raffle license and the limit on raffle licenses to be issued per year to a nonprofit organization. The amendment creates an exception to the current law that requires raffle tickets to be sold by actual members of the organization licensed to conduct the raffle. It provides that uncompensated volunteers may sell raffle tickets that offer a noncash prize as long as the names of the volunteers are provided to the Chief of the State Police within 10 days of issuance of the raffle license.

LD 831 - FITTS - An Act To Enhance Fundraising Opportunities by Certain Nonprofit and Fraternal Organizations

This amendment replaces the bill. It creates an exception to the requirement that organizations be licensed in order to conduct games of chance. An organization that is otherwise eligible for a license and will not raise more than \$15,000 in a calendar year from the conduct of games of chance and not more than \$10,000 at any one event may conduct games by registering with the Chief of the State Police and is not required to get a license. If an organization exceeds the yearly or per-event revenue limit, that organization is required to apply for a license retroactively. Any organization that raised more than \$15,000 from licensed games of chance in the previous year is not eligible to register. Some requirements that apply to licensees would apply to registrants, including wager limits, age restrictions on those who conduct or play the games, prohibitions against schemes and the requirement to use licensed gaming printers and distributors. Other requirements regarding revenue and expenditure reporting and disposition of funds reports are also applicable to registrants. A registrant who violates the registration requirements is required to forfeit the revenue from those games conducted in violation and would be prohibited from using the registration privilege for 10 years.

LD 832 - CAREY - An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Lobbyist Disclosure

This amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report of the committee. The amendment requires that a lobbyist wear a name tag when engaged in the act of lobbying.

LD 1210 - CAREY - An Act Pertaining to Volunteer Lobbyists for Nonprofit Organizations

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that a person is not considered a lobbyist if that person receives only reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenditures for lobbying-related activities made during the course of lobbying and is not otherwise compensated.

LD 1495 – WATSON - An Act To Implement Tax Relief and Tax Reform

See [summary](#).

DEAD

LD 198 – KNIGHT - An Act To Recouple Maine Estate Tax with the Federal Estate Tax**LD 204 - SHAW - An Act Regarding the Conducting of Games of Chance by Nonprofit Organizations**

- LD 328** – TUTTLE - An Act To Require Economic Research Organizations To Report Financial Matters to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices
- LD 392** - PLOWMAN - An Act To Reduce Minimum Participation to 60% for Group Health Insurance
- LD 394** - HOBBS - An Act To Protect Nonprofit Organizations from Embezzlement
- LD 502** - BOWMAN - An Act To Require Maine Nonprofit Corporations To File Annual Reports
- LD 976** – WATSON - An Act To Provide Tax Relief
- LD 1081** – TARDY - An Act To Clarify the Laws on Licensing for Charitable and Fraternal Organizations and Games of Chance
- LD 1088** - PIOTTI - An Act To Modernize the Tax Laws and Provide over \$75,000,000 to Residents of the State in Tax Relief
- LD 1113** - RICHARDSON W - An Act To Exempt Private Nonmedical Institutions from the Service Provider Tax
- LD 1146** - CELLI - An Act To Require Nonprofit Businesses To Pay for Municipal Services
- LD 1278** - DAVIS G - An Act To Exempt Services Provided by Alzheimer Care Facilities from the Tax on Private Nonmedical Institution Services
- LD 1290** – MARRACHE - An Act To Amend the Law Authorizing the Application of Service Charges to Certain Corporations Exempt from Property Taxation
- LD 1314** - CROCKETT - An Act To Reform and Lower Maine Taxes
- LD 1330** - BRYANT M - An Act Regarding Gaming by Charitable Organizations

CARRIED OVER

- LD 662** - SHAW - An Act To Phase Out the Distribution of the Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund under the State-municipal Revenue Sharing Program over a 5-year Period
- LD 839** - GILBERT - An Act To Authorize an Alternative Calculation of the Property Growth Factor for Municipalities with Exempt Personal Property
- LD 1437** - CRAVEN - An Act To Permit Video Gaming for Money Conducted by Nonprofit Organizations