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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 648, L.D. 1640, “An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission and to Reestablish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission”

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 5 in the first line (page 3, line 39 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting the following: 'may'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 5 in the last 3 lines (page 3, lines 41 to 43 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The study commission shall provide medical testing to individuals identified through information received pursuant to this subsection related to the effects of exposure to harmful chemicals for purposes of completing the study."

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for consulting costs to create the Base Gagetown Training Registry, which will collect and maintain data related to military service and health conditions from individuals who report this data and trained at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada. The fund does not lapse but must be carried forward to be used for the purpose for which the fund was appropriated.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$250,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment provides that the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission
5 reestablished in the bill may, rather than must, request information it determines necessary
6 to complete the study of the effects of exposure to harmful chemicals on individuals who
7 trained at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada as a
8 member of the United States Armed Forces, as a member of the reserve component of the
9 United States Armed Forces or as a member of the National Guard of any state from the
10 United States Department of Defense and other federal agencies. The amendment removes
11 the provision in the bill directing the study commission to provide medical testing to
12 identify effects of exposure to harmful chemicals to individuals identified through that
13 information. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

14 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

15 **(See attached)**