

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

—
S.P. 429 - L.D. 1012

**An Act to Fund the Operations of the University of Maine Cooperative
Extension Tick Laboratory**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 421 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 421

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TICK LABORATORY
OPERATIONS FUND**

§2481. Fund established

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund, referred to in this chapter as "the fund," is established. The fund consists of revenues received pursuant to Title 8, section 374, subsection 6 and any funds received as contributions from private and public sources. The fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Eligible investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund become part of the assets of the fund. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year must be carried forward to the next fiscal year. The fund is administered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

§2482. Expenditures from fund; distribution

Funds in the fund must be distributed as provided under this section.

1. Funds received from State. All funds received from the State dedicated to the fund must be expended on the operations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension tick laboratory or successor laboratory, including, but not limited to, supplies, educational materials development, salaries, equipment and travel.

2. Funds received from private or public sources. All funds received from private or public sources that were directed to the fund by the donating source must be spent on the operations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension tick laboratory or

successor laboratory, including, but not limited to, supplies, educational materials development, salaries, equipment and travel.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Tick laboratory lottery game. No later than July 1, 2026, the commission, in consultation with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, shall develop and initiate a tick laboratory instant lottery game designed to raise funds for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund established in Title 7, section 2481. Tickets for the instant lottery game established under this subsection must be sold for \$4 and must be changed by the commission periodically throughout the year. The commission shall annually provide 20% of the net proceeds of the lottery game established in accordance with this subsection to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund and 80% to the General Fund.

Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §387, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 1995, c. 494, §5, is further amended to read:

C. For payment to the General Fund; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §387, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. B, §18 and affected by c. 614, §9, is further amended to read:

D. For payment to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund pursuant to Title 12, section 10302-; ~~and~~

Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §387, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. For payment to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund pursuant to Title 7, section 2481.

Sec. 6. Report. By December 15, 2028, the State Liquor and Lottery Commission shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over lottery matters detailing the status of the tick laboratory instant lottery game established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 374, subsection 6, including revenues received by the General Fund and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund established in Title 7, section 2481. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over lottery matters may report out legislation related to the report to the 134th Legislature in 2029.

Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund N532

Initiative: Provides allocations to authorize expenditures of funds received from the tick laboratory lottery game.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$108,623
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$108,623