



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 136(03)

An Act To Promote Industrial Hemp

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-41)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$42,697	\$39,911	\$39,911	\$39,911
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$42,697	\$39,911	\$39,911	\$39,911
Transfers				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation repeals the provision of law that licensure of industrial hemp is contingent upon action by the Federal Government. The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$42,697 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$39,911 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) for one half-time Certified Seed Specialist position and related costs to conduct testing, inspection and monitoring, as well as rulemaking costs to establish fees. Applicants will pay an application fee between \$50 and \$100, a license fee between \$100 and \$500 and a fee for monitoring, sampling and testing between \$1 per acre and \$100 per acre.

This fiscal note assumes that there will be an adequate amount of revenue to cover the costs of the Other Special Revenue Funds allocations. DACF will not be able to cover these costs if there are not a sufficient number of fee-paying applicants.