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House of Representatives, February 7, 2019

**An Act To Fund the Operations of the Tick Identification
Laboratory in the University of Maine Cooperative Extension
Diagnostic and Research Laboratory**

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2405**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 497, §3, is amended to read:

3 **§2405. Integrated Pest Management Fund**

4 There is created a dedicated, nonlapsing Integrated Pest Management Fund. The
5 commissioner shall credit funds from any source to the Integrated Pest Management Fund
6 for the purpose of developing and implementing integrated pest management programs.
7 Funds received pursuant to Title 8, section 374, subsection 6 must be used solely to
8 support the operation of a diagnostic and research laboratory focused on ticks and tick-
9 borne diseases in the State. Appropriations from the General Fund may not be credited to
10 the Integrated Pest Management Fund.

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

12 **6. Lottery game to fund tick identification lab.** The commission, in consultation
13 with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Pest Management Office, shall
14 develop and initiate a lottery game designed to raise funds for the Integrated Pest
15 Management Fund established pursuant to Title 7, section 2405. Tickets for the instant
16 lottery game established under this subsection must be sold for \$2 and must be changed
17 by the commission periodically throughout the year. The sales commission paid to agents
18 for the sale of the tickets must be one percentage point higher than the sales commission
19 paid to agents for the sale of other instant lottery game tickets except tickets under
20 subsection 5. The commission shall provide the net proceeds of the lottery game
21 established under this subsection to the Integrated Pest Management Fund annually.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill directs the State Liquor and Lottery Commission, in consultation with the
24 University of Maine Cooperative Extension Pest Management Office, to develop and
25 initiate a \$2 instant lottery game designed to raise funds to support the operation of a
26 diagnostic and research laboratory focused on ticks and tick-borne diseases in the State.