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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 393, L.D. 1273, Bill, “An Act To Ensure Funding for Certain Essential Functions of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Pesticide Safety Education Program”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §607, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2013, c. 290, §1 and affected by §4, is further amended to read:

6. Registration fee; programs funded. The applicant desiring to register a pesticide must pay an annual registration fee of \$160 for each pesticide registered for that applicant. Annual registration periods expire on December 31st or in a manner consistent with Title 5, section 10002, whichever is later.

The board shall monitor fee revenue and expenditures under this subsection to ensure that adequate funds are available to fund board and related department programs and, to the extent funds are available, to provide grants to support stewardship programs. The board shall use funds received under this subsection to provide:

A. An annual grant of no less than \$135,000 to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, on or about April 1st, for development and implementation of integrated pest management programs. ~~The University of Maine may not charge overhead costs against this grant; and~~

B. Funding for public health-related mosquito monitoring programs or other pesticide stewardship and integrated pest management programs, if designated at the discretion of the board, as funds allow after expenditures under paragraph A. The board ~~shall~~ may seek the advice of the Integrated Pest Management Council established in section 2404 in determining the most beneficial use of the funds, if available, under this subsection; and

C. An annual grant of not less than \$65,000 to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, on or about April 1st, for the development and revision of training manuals for applicator certification, licensing and recertification and to perform other

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1 aspects of pesticide education programs. The University of Maine Cooperative
2 Extension may seek the advice of the board in establishing the pesticide education
3 programs and shall submit an annual report on the use of the funds under this
4 paragraph, no later than January 15th, to the board and the joint standing committee
5 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over pesticide education and certification
6 matters.

7 The University of Maine may not charge overhead costs against grants under this
8 subsection.

9 By February 15th annually, the board shall submit a report to the joint standing
10 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and
11 forestry matters detailing the grants funded by the fee under this subsection. The annual
12 report must include a recommendation by the board as to whether the amount of the fee is
13 adequate to fund the programs described in this subsection. The joint standing committee
14 may report out a bill to the Legislature based on the board's recommendations.

15 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
16 allocations are made.

17 **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**
18 **University of Maine Cooperative Extension Z172**

19 Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension to
20 develop and revise training manuals for applicator licensing and recertification and to
21 perform other aspects of pesticide education programs.

22	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
23	All Other	\$65,000	\$65,000
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25	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$65,000</u>	<u>\$65,000</u>
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27 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
28 section number to read consecutively.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This amendment clarifies that the grant awarded by the Department of Agriculture,
31 Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control to the University of Maine
32 Cooperative Extension for the development and revision of training manuals for
33 applicator certification, licensing and recertification may also be used to perform other
34 aspects of pesticide education programs. The amendment clarifies that the amount of the
35 annual grant is not less than \$65,000. The amendment also provides that the University
36 of Maine Cooperative Extension may seek the advice of the Board of Pesticides Control
37 in establishing pesticide education programs. The amendment requires the University of

1 Maine Cooperative Extension to submit an annual report on the use of the funds, no later
2 than January 15th, to the Board of Pesticides Control and the joint standing committee of
3 the Legislature having jurisdiction over pesticide education and certification matters.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)