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House of Representatives, March 25, 2015

**An Act To Establish a Fund for the Operations and Outreach
Activities of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Animal
and Plant Disease and Insect Control Laboratory**

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BLACK of Wilton.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and
Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, HANLEY of Pittston, LUCHINI of Ellsworth,
MAREAN of Hollis, SKOLFIELD of Weld, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, CUSHING
of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 417** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 417**

4 **ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASE AND INSECT CONTROL FUND**

5 **§2431. Fund established**

6 The Animal and Plant Disease and Insect Control Fund, referred to in this chapter as
7 "the fund," is established. The fund is administered by the University of Maine
8 Cooperative Extension and consists of funds received from Title 36, chapter 723, any
9 appropriation or allocation from the Legislature and contributions from private and public
10 sources. The fund, to be accounted within the University of Maine Cooperative
11 Extension, must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts.
12 Eligible investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund become part of the assets of
13 the fund. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year must be disbursed
14 to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

15 **§2432. Expenditures from fund; distribution**

16 Funds in the fund, after reimbursement for fund administration costs, must be
17 distributed by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension as follows:

18 **1. Pesticide container fee reimbursement.** Reimbursement annually to Maine
19 Revenue Services to pay for administrative costs from collection of the pesticide
20 container fee under Title 36, section 4911, subsection 3;

21 **2. Board of Pesticides Control reimbursement.** Reimbursement annually to the
22 Board of Pesticides Control, established in Title 5, section 12004-D, subsection 3, to pay
23 for costs under Title 36, section 4911, subsection 5;

24 **3. Pest management education.** To the University of Maine Cooperative Extension
25 for outreach and education initiatives on pest management and pesticide safety, including
26 community integrated pest management and medical and veterinary pest management,
27 focusing on health-related issues caused by ticks and mosquitoes, and pesticide
28 application and use, focusing on pollinator health and safety; and

29 **4. Laboratory operations.** To the University of Maine Cooperative Extension for
30 costs of its animal and plant disease and insect control laboratory, including testing ticks
31 provided by the public for pathogenic organisms and general laboratory operations
32 involving pesticide management and insect control.

33 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA c. 723** is enacted to read:

34 **CHAPTER 723**

35 **PESTICIDE CONTAINER FEE**

