



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 243

LR 2223(06)

**An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act to Provide Licensing, Rulemaking and Regulatory and Enforcement Authority within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services; Assign Rulemaking, Regulatory and Enforcement Authority Related to Agricultural Purposes to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; and Allocate Funds for Implementation**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-221)**

**S "A" (S-312) to C "A" (H-221)**

**Committee: Marijuana Legalization Implementation**

## Fiscal Note

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>					
General Fund	\$1,400,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>					
General Fund	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$1,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Transfers</b>					
General Fund	(\$1,400,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Retail Marijuana Regulatory Coordination Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS). It provides for a \$1,400,000 transfer from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2016-17 to the fund and includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$500 in fiscal year 2016-17 and \$1,400,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 to DAFS to implement the activities outlined in the bill. The bill also includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 in 2017-18 to the Legislature to provide resources for the Joint Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation for the costs of consultant services and other purposes as determined to be appropriate to assist the committee in the performance of its duties.

The bill assigns the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within DAFS as the state licensing authority to regulate and control the licensing of the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing and sale of retail marijuana and the licensure of retail marijuana social clubs. The bill retains the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry as the state regulatory authority regarding marijuana cultivation, marijuana seeds, clones, seedlings, plants, use of pesticides, harvesting, storage, preparation, manufacturing, production, labeling and testing of retail marijuana. Both agencies have indicated that additional positions are required to implement the provisions of this bill. No positions are included in this bill.