



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 742

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An Act To Allow Hemp Growers To Grow Hemp from Clones and To Grow Hemp Indoors

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would allow growers of industrial hemp licensed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to grow industrial hemp from a clone or tissue cultures removed from live crops grown from a certified seed source. The bill would also direct ACF to adopt rules for the application and licensing of industrial hemp grown indoors, but only if the license is for an academic research program conducted through a post-secondary institution. Any additional costs to the ACF as a result of rulemaking are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Because any additional licensees or licensed acreage would be limited to those involved in research activities through post-secondary institutions, it is estimated that there will be a limited number of program participants, generating minor Other Special Revenue Funds revenue.