



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Establish a Fund for Portions of the Operations and Outreach Activities of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-554)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$110,000	\$220,000	\$226,600	\$233,400
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$110,000	\$220,000	\$226,600	\$233,400
<b>Transfers</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill establishes a fee of \$.15 on sales of containers of pesticide products registered by the Board of Pesticides Control and requires that revenue from the fee be deposited into a newly established Tick Laboratory and Pest Management Fund to be administered by the University of Maine. Maine Revenue Services estimates this fee will generate \$110,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$220,000 in fiscal year 2020-21. After distributions are made to the entities as detailed below, the net amount of revenue remaining in the fund is estimated to be \$26,662 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$102,485 in fiscal year 2020-21 and the bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of those amounts to allow expenditures from the fund.

The bill allows up to \$40,000 annually be made available to the State tax Assessor for administrative costs associated with updating the sales tax return to accommodate the pesticide container fee. The bill includes a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$16,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for this purpose.

The bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$26,838 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$36,515 in fiscal year 2020-21 to the Board of Pesticides Control within the Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry for one half-time Office Associate II position to generate and maintain a list of registered pesticides.

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension will use a portion of the revenue generated for tick laboratory costs and pest management education. This bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds totaling \$40,500 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$81,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension within the University of Maine System for the initiatives.