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L.D. 1613 Date: 7/20/17 (Filing No. H-565) 2. 3 Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House. 4 STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 5 128TH LEGISLATURE 6 FIRST REGULAR SESSION 7 HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 568. 8 L.D. 1613, Bill, "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Assist in the 9 10 Commercialization of Maine Products and Services" 11 Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 2nd blocked paragraph (page 1, lines 12 30 to 33 and page 2, lines 1 to 5 in amendment) and inserting the following: 13 Provides funds, to be awarded through a competitive process, to small nonprofit 14 research institutions located in the State engaged in tissue repair and regeneration 15 biotechnology commercialization activity that, as of the effective date of this Act, 16 have operating budgets less than \$15,000,000, to repurpose, develop and use existing 17 infrastructure, laboratory spaces and equipment required to assist start-up life science 18 companies in order to grow the State's economy and create new jobs. These funds 19 will be used to leverage an additional \$5,000,000 in public and private grants. 20 **SUMMARY** 21 This amendment revises the description of the disbursement of \$5,000,000 in bond 22 proceeds to institutions specializing in tissue repair and regeneration and specifies that 23 such funds must be awarded through a competitive process to small nonprofit research 24 institutions in the State that have operating budgets of less than \$15,000,000. 25 26 (Representative HUBBELL) 27 **TOWN: Bar Harbor**