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**An Act to Fund the Operations of the University of Maine  
Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory**

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Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 12, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: GOLEK of Harpswell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 421** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 421**

4 **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TICK LABORATORY**  
5 **OPERATIONS FUND**

6 **§2481. Fund established**

7 The University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund,  
8 referred to in this chapter as "the fund," is established. The fund consists of revenues  
9 received pursuant to Title 8, section 374, subsection 6 and any funds received as  
10 contributions from private and public sources. The fund must be held separate and apart  
11 from all other money, funds and accounts. Eligible investment earnings credited to the  
12 assets of the fund become part of the assets of the fund. Any balance remaining in the fund  
13 at the end of any fiscal year must be carried forward to the next fiscal year. The fund is  
14 administered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

15 **§2482. Expenditures from fund; distribution**

16 Funds in the fund must be distributed as provided under this section.

17 **1. Funds received from State.** All funds received from the State dedicated to the  
18 fund must be expended on the operations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension  
19 tick laboratory or successor laboratory, including, but not limited to, supplies, educational  
20 materials development, salaries, equipment and travel.

21 **2. Funds received from private or public sources.** All funds received from private  
22 or public sources that were directed to the fund by the donating source must be spent on  
23 the operations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension tick laboratory or  
24 successor laboratory, including, but not limited to, supplies, educational materials  
25 development, salaries, equipment and travel.

26 **Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

27 **6. Tick laboratory lottery game.** No later than January 30, 2026, the commission, in  
28 consultation with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, shall develop and initiate  
29 a tick laboratory instant lottery game designed to raise funds for the University of Maine  
30 Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund established in Title 7, section  
31 2481. Tickets for the instant lottery game established under this subsection must be sold  
32 for \$4 and must be changed by the commission periodically throughout the year. The  
33 commission shall annually provide 50% of the net proceeds of the lottery game established  
34 in accordance with this subsection to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick  
35 Laboratory Operations Fund and 50% to the General Fund.

36 **Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §387, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 494, §5, is further  
37 amended to read:

38 C. For payment to the General Fund; ~~and~~

