

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 603, L.D. 1488, "An Act Regarding Cannabis Testing and the Manufacture of Cannabis and Hemp Products"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Regarding Cannabis Testing'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 28-B MRSA §605, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. B, §120, is further amended to read:

4. No subsequent processing, manufacturing or alteration. Since the performance of the prior testing under subsection 1, the cannabis or cannabis product has not undergone any further processing, manufacturing or alteration that would result in an increase in the concentration of any contaminants or factors identified in section 602, subsection 1 or in any rules adopted by the office pursuant to that section. For purposes of this subsection, "further processing, manufacturing or alteration" does not include the use of cannabis concentrate in the creation of an edible cannabis product, except for testing under section 602, subsection 1, paragraph F, and does not include the use of cannabis concentrate in the creation of a cannabis vape cartridge or the use of cannabis flower and cannabis trim in the creation of a prerolled cannabis cigarette.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264

Initiative: Provides funding for quality control testing of cannabis products.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$350,629	\$385,692

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 603, L.D. 1488 (S-320)

1	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$350,629	\$385,692
2	<b>Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264</b>		
3	Initiative: Provides funding for one Field Investigator Supervisor position, one Chemist II		
4	position and 3 OCP Compliance Inspector positions and associated All Other position		
5	costs.		
6	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
7	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
8	All Other	\$644,362	\$687,291
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10	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$644,362	\$687,291
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12	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL</b>		
13	<b>SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
14	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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16	GENERAL FUND	\$994,991	\$1,072,983
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18	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$994,991	\$1,072,983
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20 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
21 number to read consecutively.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This amendment removes the provision in the bill allowing the simultaneous use of  
24 manufacturing-related equipment, supplies and facilities for the manufacturing of cannabis  
25 products and hemp products. It also adds the use of cannabis concentrate in the creation of  
26 cannabis vape cartridges and the use of cannabis flower and cannabis trim in the creation  
27 of prerolled cannabis cigarettes to the activities that are not considered to be the type of  
28 further processing, manufacturing or alteration that requires additional testing of the  
29 cannabis or cannabis product. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations  
30 section.

31 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

32 (See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1488****LR 1746(02)****An Act Regarding Cannabis Testing and the Manufacture of Cannabis and Hemp Products****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (5-328)****Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$994,991	\$1,072,983	\$1,134,515	\$1,200,798
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$994,991	\$1,072,983	\$1,134,515	\$1,200,798

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill changes cannabis testing requirements to clarify that the use of cannabis concentrate in the manufacture of edible cannabis products or vape cartridges and the use of cannabis flower or trim in the manufacture of pre-rolled cannabis cigarettes does not constitute further processing that would require additional mandatory testing.

The Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) has indicated that the testing exemption outlined in this bill is expected to apply to a significant number of packages offered for retail sale. To maintain oversight and identify potential product contamination, the department plans to implement a quality control sampling program authorized under existing statutes, targeting 10% of the newly exempted batches.

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the OCP of \$644,362 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 for one Field Investigator Supervisor position, one Chemist II position and 3 OCP Compliance Inspector positions and associated All Other position costs. The bill also includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$350,629 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$385,692 in fiscal year 2026-27 for the product testing costs related to the sampling program.