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L.D. 1640

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3 **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

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5 **STATE OF MAINE**

6 **SENATE**

7 **132ND LEGISLATURE**

8 **FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 648, L.D. 1640, "An Act to Implement  
10 the Recommendations of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission and to  
11 Reestablish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission"

12 Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 5 in the first line (page 3, line 39 in L.D.) by  
13 striking out the following: "shall" and inserting the following: 'may'

14 Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 5 in the last 3 lines (page 3, lines 41 to 43 in  
15 L.D.) by striking out the following: "The study commission shall provide medical testing  
16 to individuals identified through information received pursuant to this subsection related to  
17 the effects of exposure to harmful chemicals for purposes of completing the study."

18 Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

19 'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and  
20 allocations are made.

21 **DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT**  
22 **OF**

23 **Veterans Services 0110**

24 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for consulting costs to create the Base Gagetown  
25 Training Registry, which will collect and maintain data related to military service and  
26 health conditions from individuals who report this data and trained at the Canadian military  
27 support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada. The fund does not lapse but must be  
28 carried forward to be used for the purpose for which the fund was appropriated.

29 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
30 All Other	\$250,000	\$0
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32 <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 648, L.D. 1640 (S-347)

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
2 number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment provides that the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission  
5 reestablished in the bill may, rather than must, request information it determines necessary  
6 to complete the study of the effects of exposure to harmful chemicals on individuals who  
7 trained at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada as a  
8 member of the United States Armed Forces, as a member of the reserve component of the  
9 United States Armed Forces or as a member of the National Guard of any state from the  
10 United States Department of Defense and other federal agencies. The amendment removes  
11 the provision in the bill directing the study commission to provide medical testing to  
12 identify effects of exposure to harmful chemicals to individuals identified through that  
13 information. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

14 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

15 (See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1640****LR 350(02)****An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission  
and to Reestablish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (5-347)****Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note****Legislative Cost/Study**

	<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	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Legislative Cost/Study**

The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$3,050 in fiscal year 2025-26. The Legislature's proposed budget for the 2026-2027 biennium includes \$22,196 in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$8,265 in projected balances from fiscal year 2024-25 and \$33,073 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 for consulting costs to create the Base Gagetown Training Registry, which will collect and maintain data related to military service and health conditions from individuals who report this data and trained at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada. These funds shall not lapse but will remain in the account to be used for the purpose for which they were appropriated.