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CHAPTER 536
S.P. 429 - L.D. 1012

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

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

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

CHAPTER 421

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

§2481. Fund established

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

§2482. Expenditures from fund; distribution

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

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

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

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

6. Tick laboratory lottery game. No later than July 1, 2026, the commission, in consultation with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, shall develop and initiate a tick laboratory instant lottery game designed to raise funds for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund established in Title 7, section 2481. Tickets for the instant lottery game established under this subsection must be sold for \$4 and must be changed by the commission periodically throughout the year. The commission shall annually provide 20% of the net proceeds of the lottery game established in accordance with this subsection to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund and 80% to the General Fund.

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

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

Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §387, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. B, §18 and affected by c. 614, §9, is further amended to read:

D. For payment to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund pursuant to Title 12, section 10302-; ~~and~~

Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §387, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. For payment to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund pursuant to Title 7, section 2481.

Sec. 6. Report. By December 15, 2028, the State Liquor and Lottery Commission shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over lottery matters detailing the status of the tick laboratory instant lottery game established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 374, subsection 6, including revenues received by the General Fund and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund established in Title 7, section 2481. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over lottery matters may report out legislation related to the report to the 134th Legislature in 2029.

Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund N532

Initiative: Provides allocations to authorize expenditures of funds received from the tick laboratory lottery game.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$108,623
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$108,623

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 537 H.P. 745 - L.D. 1126

An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1060 is enacted to read:

§1060. Undetectable firearms prohibited

1. Definition. As used in this section, "undetectable firearm" means a firearm that can operate while in a form that is not as detectable as a security exemplar, as defined in 18 United States Code, Section 922(p)(2)(C), and that is constructed of 3.7 ounces of material type 17-4 PH stainless steel in a shape resembling a handgun, as defined in 18 United States Code, Section 921(a)(30).

2. Undetectable firearms prohibited. A person may not:

A. Manufacture or cause to be manufactured within this State, import into this State or offer or expose for sale, sell or transfer an undetectable firearm; or

B. Intentionally or knowingly possess an undetectable firearm.

3. Violations. The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

A. A person who manufactures or causes to be manufactured within this State, who imports into this State or who offers or exposes for sale, sells or transfers an undetectable firearm commits a Class C crime.

B. A person who intentionally or knowingly possesses an undetectable firearm commits a Class D crime.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2016, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 678, §1 and reallocated by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. A, §40, is amended to read:

C. "Firearm" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 12-A and also includes an unfinished frame or receiver as defined in section 2036, subsection 10.

Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2016, sub-§4, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 678, §1 and reallocated by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. A, §40, is amended to read:

B. The sale of a firearm to a firearm dealer; ~~or~~

Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §2016, sub-§4, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 678, §1 and reallocated by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. A, §40, is amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) A background check is not required under federal or state law; ~~or~~

Sec. 5. 25 MRSA §2016, sub-§4, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. The return of a firearm or frame or receiver, as defined in section 2036, subsection 8, to a person by a firearm dealer after the dealer has imprinted a serial number on the firearm or frame or receiver pursuant to federal law or section 2039 if the dealer returns the firearm or frame or receiver to the same person from whom the firearm or frame or receiver was received.

Sec. 6. 25 MRSA c. 253-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 253-A

FIREARMS WITHOUT SERIAL NUMBERS

§2036. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Computer numerical control milling machine. "Computer numerical control milling machine" means a manufacturing device that cuts or shapes material into a specified shape as directed by computer code.

2. Federal firearms licensee. "Federal firearms licensee" means a federally licensed firearms dealer, federally licensed firearms importer or federally licensed firearms manufacturer.

3. Federally licensed firearms dealer. "Federally licensed firearms dealer" has the same meaning as in Title 15, section 395, subsection 1, paragraph E.

4. Federally licensed firearms importer. "Federally licensed firearms importer" means a licensed importer as defined in 18 United States Code, Section 921(a)(9).

5. Federally licensed firearms manufacturer. "Federally licensed firearms manufacturer" means a licensed manufacturer as defined in 18 United States Code, Section 921(a)(10).

6. Firearm. "Firearm" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 12-A and also includes an unfinished frame or receiver.