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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1690, L.D. 2396, Bill, "An Act to Create a Patent Program in Maine"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§1921." in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Secretary of State" and inserting in its place the following: 'University of Maine System, Center for Advanced Technology Law and Management'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§1921." in subsection 1 in paragraph E (page 1, line 35 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: ";" the following: 'and'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§1921." in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraphs F and G and inserting in their place the following:

'F. Provide other assistance concerning the patent process of the United States Patent and Trademark Office as needed.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§1921." in subsection 3 in the first line (page 1, line 49 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Secretary of State" and inserting in its place the following: 'University of Maine System, Center for Advanced Technology Law and Management'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§1921." by striking out all of subsection 5.

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. Report. By December 1, 2001, the University of Maine System, Center for Advanced Technology Law and Management shall submit to the joint standing committee or joint select committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over research and development matters a report on the performance of the Maine Patent Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 317.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM,
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

Maine Patent Program

All Other \$300,000

Provides funds for staff and related operational costs for the Maine Patent Program to be administered by the Center for Advanced Technology Law and Management at the University of Southern Maine, including funds to conduct workshops and provide technical assistance to help state inventors.

Sec. 4. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM,
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

Maine Patent Program

All Other \$500

Provides for the allocation of funds to authorize initial expenditures from the Maine Patent Fund to be administered by the Center

RMS

for Advanced Technology Law
and Management at the
University of Southern Maine.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

2000-01

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund	\$300,000
Other Funds	500

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$300,000
in fiscal year 2000-01 for the University of Maine System for the
Maine Patent Program to be administered by the Center for
Advanced Technology Law and Management for staff and related
operational costs and to conduct workshops and provide assistance
to help state inventors.

This bill also establishes the Maine Patent Fund. The
amount of dedicated revenue that will be collected by the
University of Maine System from royalties received from
applicants can not be determined at this time. This bill
includes an Other Special Revenue funds allocation in the amount
of \$500 in fiscal year 2000-01 to provide base allocations to
authorize expenditures from this fund.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the administration of the Maine
Patent Program from the Secretary of State to the Center for
Advanced Technology Law and Management in the University of Maine
System. The amendment also requires the Center for Advanced
Technology Law and Management to submit a report on the
performance of the program by December 1, 2001. Finally, the
amendment changes the appropriation from \$100,000 to \$300,000 and
adds a fiscal note to the bill.