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**STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "E" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 640,
L.D. 1796, Bill, "An Act To Authorize Bond Issues for Ratification by the Voters for the
June and November 2007 Elections"

Amend the amendment in Part D in section 6 in that part designated
"DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT" in that
part relating to "Maine Technology Institute" in the blocked paragraph in the 5th line
(page 9, line 22 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "allocated to" the
following: "biomedical research,"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part H the following:

PART I

Sec. I-1. Bond fund award process and criteria. Funds allocated by the
Maine Technology Institute to biomedical research pursuant to Part D, section 6 of this
Act must be awarded on the basis of the eligibility requirements and criteria contained in
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 13103 and 13104. Funds allocated to all
targeted sectors, as provided in Part D, section 6 of this Act, must be awarded in
accordance with criteria to be established by the Maine Technology Institute pursuant to
rule-making proceedings. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive
rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

PART J

Sec. J-1. 5 MRSA §13103, sub-§1, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c.
196, §3, is amended to read:

B. "Eligible institution" means a Maine-based private nonprofit biomedical research
institution or academic medical center or medical school that, as of July 1, 2001:

(1) Performs competitive biomedical research in on-site, wetbench biomedical
research laboratories in the State, as evidenced by publications in recognized peer
review journals; and

1 (2) Receives or expends funds in the State from federal agencies or specified
2 grant sources for the purpose of producing peer-reviewed biomedical research in
3 on-site, wetbench biomedical research laboratories.

4 For purposes of this paragraph, "wetbench" has the meaning generally ascribed to
5 that term by the biomedical research community and refers to laboratories that use
6 solutions or cell extracts and biological reagents.

7 **Sec. J-2. 5 MRSA §13103, sub-§1, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 196, §4, is
8 amended to read:

9 F. "Specified grant sources" means a federal agency, a nonprofit foundation, private
10 company or corporation, a voluntary membership organization such as the American
11 Cancer Society, or an out-of-state educational university, ~~that, as of July 1, 2001,~~
12 issues grants or contracts for the purpose of producing peer-reviewed biomedical
13 research when the grantee retains complete editorial control over the content of the
14 research performed.

15 **Sec. J-3. 5 MRSA §13103, sub-§1, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 196, §4, is
16 amended to read:

17 G. "Medical school" means a state-based private nonprofit medical school ~~that, as of~~
18 ~~July 1, 2001,~~ is authorized to grant a doctorate degree in osteopathic or allopathic
19 medicine and is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association or its successor
20 or the Liaison Committee on Medical Education or its successor.

21 **Sec. J-4. 5 MRSA §13104, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 196, §9, is
22 amended to read:

23 **2. Board membership.** The board consists of ~~7~~ 9 members appointed as follows:

24 A. Four persons, appointed by the Governor and nominated by a statewide
25 biomedical research coalition;

26 B. Two members, appointed by the Governor, who are distinguished and
27 credentialed in the type of biomedical research that is performed by eligible
28 institutions defined in section 13103, subsection 1; ~~and~~

29 C. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

30 D. The Director of the Office of Innovation; and

31 E. One member of the Maine Technology Institute, appointed by the Maine
32 Technology Institute.'

33 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter
34 or section number to read consecutively.

35 **SUMMARY**

36 This amendment adds biomedical research as a field to which the funds allocated for
37 research, development and commercialization must be used for by the Maine Technology
38 Institute. The amendment also adds a section indicating how the Maine Technology
39 Institute must use the funds that are designated for biomedical research. The amendment

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1 also amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13103 to broaden eligibility
2 under the Maine Biomedical Research Program by striking a limiting date. The
3 amendment also changes the membership of the Maine Biomedical Research Board by
4 adding the Director of the Office of Innovation within the Department of Economic and
5 Community Development to the board and adding a member of the Maine Technology
6 Institute as a member of the board.

7 SPONSORED BY: 

8 (Senator DAMON)

9 COUNTY: Hancock