

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1355

House of Representatives, April 16, 2014

**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create an  
Animal and Plant Disease and Insect Control Facility Administered  
by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

1           **Preamble.** Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in  
2 accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14 to authorize the  
3 issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds as described in this  
4 Act,

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

6           **Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the  
7 direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an  
8 amount not exceeding \$8,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Act. The  
9 bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a  
10 period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

11           **Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer of State  
12 shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond, the  
13 name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of  
14 sale and the date when payable.

15           **Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of State  
16 may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be  
17 loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the  
18 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State  
19 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set  
20 forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project  
21 in this Act lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of  
22 general obligation bonds.

23           **Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay interest  
24 due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Act and all sums coming due for payment  
25 of bonds at maturity.

26           **Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue.**  
27 The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Act must be expended as  
28 designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies  
29 and entities set forth in this section.

30           **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM**

31           **University of Maine Cooperative**  
32           **Extension Service**  
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34           Provides funds to assist Maine agriculture and to protect Maine farms through the  
35 creation of an animal and plant disease and insect control facility administered by the  
36 University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service.

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38           Total \$8,000,000





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**Fiscal Note for Original Bill**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Fredette of Newport**  
**Committee: Not Referred**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Bond Issues	Term (years)	Principal	Rate (%)	Interest	Total Cost
General Fund - Non-Taxable	10	\$8,000,000	4.5%	\$1,980,000	\$9,980,000

Referendum Costs	Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
	Nov-14	General	Bond Issue	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.