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Majority

(Filing No. H-456)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 8, L.D. 5, Bill, "An Act To Remove the Limit on the Number of Patients a Primary Caregiver May Provide for under the Medical Marijuana Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Increase the Limit on the Number of Patients a Primary Caregiver May Provide for under the Medical Marijuana Laws'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§2, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 407, Pt. B, §16, is further amended to read:

B. Cultivate up to 6 mature marijuana plants for each qualifying patient who has designated the primary caregiver to cultivate marijuana on the patient's behalf, subject to the limitation in subsection 1, paragraph B on the total number of plants authorized per qualifying patient, as long as the total number of mature marijuana plants authorized to be cultivated under this paragraph does not exceed 30. A primary caregiver may not cultivate marijuana for a patient unless the patient has designated the primary caregiver for that purpose and the patient has not designated a registered dispensary to cultivate marijuana for the patient's medical use. In addition to the marijuana plants otherwise authorized under this paragraph, a primary caregiver may have harvested marijuana plants in varying stages of processing in order to ensure the primary caregiver is able to meet the needs of the primary caregiver's qualifying patients;

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§2, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 516, §6, is further amended to read:

C. Assist a maximum of 5 20 patients who have designated the primary caregiver to cultivate marijuana for their medical use;

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**





# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Remove the Limit on the Number of Patients a Primary Caregiver May Provide for under the Medical Marijuana Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-456)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$49,578	\$68,132	\$70,218	\$72,446

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$49,578 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$68,132 in fiscal year 2016-17 for one Office Associate II position to handle additional clerical duties expected with a change on the limit of patients a caregiver can serve. A caregiver pays an annual application fee of \$260 per patient served. As the number of patients a caregiver can serve increases, the revenue received will also increase. The department does not have enough information at this time to determine how many additional patients will be served. However, this fiscal note assumes that between the existing revenues and the increased revenues from the bill, sufficient revenue will be available to cover the increased allocations.