

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 627

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H.P. 443

House of Representatives, February 16, 2017

**An Act To Establish a Data Collection Program To Monitor Effects  
of Marijuana Regulation**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Joint Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation  
suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, PERRY of Calais, RECKITT of  
South Portland, TUELL of East Machias.

1           **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not  
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3           **Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day  
4 period due to the passage of Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 5, which legalized the  
5 recreational use of marijuana effective January 30, 2017; and

6           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
7 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
8 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
9 therefore,

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

11           **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2455** is enacted to read:

12           **§2455. Retail marijuana data collection and monitoring program**

13           A program to collect data for the purpose of monitoring the effect on the State from  
14 the legalization and regulation of retail marijuana is established in the Department of  
15 Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The  
16 Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall convene a task force of volunteer  
17 experts with varied areas of expertise to identify data collection measures, data sources  
18 and protocols for data gathering and reporting for the program. Data must be collected  
19 from a variety of sources covering a variety of sectors, including, but not limited to,  
20 public safety, road safety, public health, economic effects and effects on youth, the  
21 workplace and treatment and health care systems. The program shall publish reports at  
22 least on an annual basis for the purpose of providing this data to the Legislature, the  
23 Governor's Office and appropriate departments overseeing the implementation of the  
24 retail marijuana laws. This data must be used to inform needed adjustments, law changes  
25 and rule changes to minimize the financial and social costs to the people of this State.

26           **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
27 allocations are made.

28           **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

29           **Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

30           Initiative: Provides funding to establish a Public Service Coordinator II position to  
31 develop and implement a data collection and monitoring program for the utilization and  
32 regulation of retail marijuana.

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34 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
35           POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
36           Personal Services	\$107,822	\$104,627
37           All Other	\$6,278	\$6,278
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