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2 Date: 2/15/18 Minority (Filing No. H-594)

3 AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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5 STATE OF MAINE
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 128TH LEGISLATURE
8 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 522, L.D. 742, Bill, "An Act To Allow
10 Hemp Growers To Grow Hemp from Clones and To Grow Hemp Indoors"

11 Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 34 to 39
12 and page 2, lines 1 to 3 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

13 '2. Growing permitted. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person may
14 plant, grow, harvest, possess, process, sell and buy industrial hemp if that person holds a
15 license issued pursuant to subsection 4. A person licensed pursuant to subsection 4 may
16 plant, grow and harvest only hemp that is grown from seeds acquired from a certified
17 seed source, grown from a clone that is produced from seeds acquired from a certified
18 seed source or propagated from tissue cultures that are removed from live plants grown
19 from seeds acquired from a certified seed source. A person licensed pursuant to
20 subsection 4 may acquire hemp seeds directly from a certified seed source or from a
21 hemp seed distributor licensed in this State distributing hemp seeds pursuant to
22 subsection 2-A.'

23 Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 6 in the 4th line (page 2, line 7 in L.D.) by
24 inserting after the following: "indoors" the following: 'for the purpose of certified seed
25 production by a person who is growing hemp for an academic research program
26 conducted through a postsecondary education institution'

27 SUMMARY

28 This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It clarifies that a person
29 licensed to grow industrial hemp may grow hemp from a clone that is produced from
30 seeds acquired from a certified seed source or hemp propagated from tissue cultures that
31 are removed from live plants grown from seeds from a certified seed source.

32 It also directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to adopt
33 rules to provide for industrial hemp grown indoors for the purpose of certified seed

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 522, L.D. 742

1 production by a licensed person who is growing hemp for an academic research program
2 conducted through a postsecondary education institution.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 742

LR 1620(02)

An Act To Allow Hemp Growers To Grow Hemp from Clones and To Grow Hemp Indoors

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-594)*
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would allow growers of industrial hemp licensed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to grow industrial hemp from a clone or tissue cultures removed from live crops grown from a certified seed source. The bill would also direct ACF to adopt rules for the application and licensing of industrial hemp grown indoors, but only if the license is for an academic research program conducted through a post-secondary institution. Any additional costs to the ACF as a result of rulemaking are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Because any additional licensees or licensed acreage would be limited to those involved in research activities through post-secondary institutions, it is estimated that there will be a limited number of program participants, generating minor Other Special Revenue Funds revenue.