

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 20, 2022

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### **An Act To Provide Assistance to Areas Severely Infested with Browntail Moths**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on January 18, 2022. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.  
Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and  
Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, LANDRY of Farmington, MADIGAN of Waterville,  
PAULHUS of Bath, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, TEPLER of Topsham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 421** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 421**

4 **BROWNTAIL MOTH**

5 **§2491. Browntail moth control**

6 **1. Program.** The department shall administer a program to assist a government entity  
7 or nonprofit organization, upon application by that government entity or nonprofit  
8 organization to the department, with the control of browntail moths. This program must  
9 include the provision of resources, which may include resources for the mechanical,  
10 cultural or chemical control of the browntail moths; education campaigns; and other  
11 activities to mitigate browntail moth populations.

12 **2. Rules.** The department shall adopt routine technical rules, as described in Title 5,  
13 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, to implement the provisions of this section.

14 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
15 allocations are made.

16 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

17 **Forest Resource Management Z233**

18 Initiative: Provides funding for one Entomologist I position and one Senior Entomology  
19 Technician position and associated All Other costs.

20 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
21 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000
22 Personal Services	\$0	\$158,074
23 All Other	\$0	\$31,000
24		
25 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$189,074</u>

26 **Forest Resource Management Z233**

27 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for the administration of a program to assist a  
28 government entity or nonprofit organization with controlling browntail moths.

29 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
30 All Other	\$0	\$150,000
31		
32 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>

33 **Office of the Commissioner 0401**

34 Initiative: Provides funding for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services,  
35 Office of Information and Technology costs.

36 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
37 All Other	\$0	\$3,834
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1	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$3,834
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3	<b>AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND</b>		
4	<b>FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
5	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
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7	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$342,908</b>
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9	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$342,908</b>

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**SUMMARY**

11       This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to  
12 administer a program to assist a government entity or nonprofit organization, upon  
13 application by that government entity or nonprofit organization to the department, with the  
14 control of browntail moths. It also includes an appropriations and allocations section to  
15 provide funding for an Entomologist I position and a Senior Entomology Technician  
16 position in the department to support the management of forest insect pests.