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L.D. 1021

Date: 4-26-2023

(Filing No. H- 74)

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 657, L.D. 1021, "An Act to Enhance Awareness of Laboratory Testing of Ticks for Lyme Disease"

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

'An Act to Support Research, Education and Outreach Efforts at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory'

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

'Sec. 1. Report. No later than February 1, 2024, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory shall submit a report regarding the use of the funds in section 2 to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
Tick Laboratory and Pest Management Fund Z290**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for operational costs associated with arthropod management research, education and outreach within the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. The amendment provides ongoing funding for operational costs associated with arthropod management research, education and outreach within the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory. The amendment also requires the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory to submit a report regarding the use of the funds to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1021

LR 1251(02)

An Act to Enhance Awareness of Laboratory Testing of Ticks for Lyme Disease

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-74)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Funds appropriations of \$250,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 to the Tick Laboratory and Pest Management Fund within the University of Maine System for operational costs associated with arthropod management research, education and outreach within the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory.