

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2015**

tone, phenylacetone, phenylacetic acid, phenyl-2-propanone (P2P) or any salt, isomer or salt of isomers of these chemicals.

C. "Methamphetamine reagent" means any substance other than a methamphetamine catalyst that has been used, is being used or is intended to be used to react with and chemically alter any methamphetamine precursor.

D. "Methamphetamine solvent" means any substance that has been used, is being used or is intended to be used as a medium in which any methamphetamine precursor, methamphetamine catalyst, methamphetamine reagent or any substance containing any of the foregoing is dissolved, diluted or washed during any part of the methamphetamine manufacturing process.

2. A person is guilty of unlawful operation of a methamphetamine laboratory if that person intentionally or knowingly produces, prepares, compounds, converts or processes any methamphetamine precursor, methamphetamine catalyst, methamphetamine reagent or methamphetamine solvent with the intent that methamphetamine be produced.

It is not a defense that the chemical reaction is not complete or that no scheduled drug was in fact created.

Violation of this subsection is a Class B crime.

3. If a person uses a motor vehicle to facilitate the unlawful operation of a methamphetamine laboratory, the court may, in addition to other authorized penalties, suspend the person's driver's license or permit or privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license for a period not to exceed 5 years. A suspension may not begin until after any period of incarceration is served. If the court suspends a person's driver's license or permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license, the court shall notify the Secretary of State of the suspension and the court shall take physical custody of the person's license or permit. The Secretary of State may not reinstate the person's driver's license or permit or privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license unless the person demonstrates that, after having been released and discharged from any period of incarceration that may have been ordered, the person has served the period of suspension ordered by the court.

**Sec. 8. 17-A MRSA §1322, sub-§3, ¶C-2,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 305, §1, is amended to read:

C-2. "Expense of an emergency response" means reasonable costs incurred by a public agency in reasonably making an appropriate emergency response to the incident, including a response to a suspected unlawful methamphetamine laboratory under section 1124, but only includes those costs directly arising because of the response to the par-

ticular incident. Reasonable costs include the costs of providing police, firefighting, rescue and emergency medical services at the scene of the incident, as well as the compensation for the personnel, including trained laboratory personnel, responding to the incident. "Public agency" means the State or any county, municipality, district or public authority located, in whole or in part, within this State that provides or may provide laboratory services or police, firefighting, ambulance or other emergency services.

**Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations.**

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON**

**Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112**

Initiative: Provides funds for an anticipated increase in indigent legal services.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$18,000	\$18,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>

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**CHAPTER 347  
H.P. 877 - L.D. 1291**

**An Act To Promote Food Self-sufficiency for the People of the State**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §219** is enacted to read:

**§219. Food self-sufficiency**

**1. Farm labor link network.** The department shall maintain an agricultural jobs network linking farms and facilities processing agricultural products grown in the State with available workers who wish to work on a farm or in a local food industry. An available worker under this subsection may include a person involved in raising, processing, preparing or preserving food or who is required to perform community service as a low-income recipient of state supplemental income benefits or under a court order. The department shall coordinate with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension to identify farms and food processing facilities willing to participate in the network and coordinate with the Department of Labor,

the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Corrections and the Judicial Department in identifying available workers willing to participate in the network. If a worker participating in the network wishes to pursue additional training or a career in agriculture or food production, the department shall refer the person to available resources or programs that train workers or develop skills or business practices in farming, food production or food processing. A worker may meet the requirements for community service obligations under a state supplemental income benefits program, judicial order or alternative sentencing program by performing work on a farm or food processing facility through participation in the network under this subsection.

**2. Educational marketing campaign.** The department shall coordinate with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, the Maine Community College System, the Department of Labor, the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Economic and Community Development to conduct an educational marketing campaign to promote food self-sufficiency by encouraging the public to grow gardens, raise farm animals, preserve garden-grown food and engage in other local food cultivation initiatives through the use of multiple media including social media, radio advertising, posters, brochures and publicly accessible department websites.

**3. Local purchases for food programs.** If the department, as part of a public-private partnership, purchases food for an emergency or supplemental food program for elderly or low-income persons, the department to the extent practicable shall purchase food that is grown, harvested, prepared, processed or produced in the State.

**4. Existing resources.** The department shall use existing programs and resources in carrying out the purposes of this section.

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

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

**Division of Agricultural Resource Development 0833**

Initiative: Provides funds for radio advertisements, website costs and posters and brochures.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$25,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,000	\$0

**Food Assistance Program 0816**

Initiative: Provides funding for a part-time Planning and Research Assistant position to begin on July 1, 2016.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	0.000	0.500
Personal Services	\$0	\$15,330
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$15,330

**Office of the Commissioner 0142**

Initiative: Provides funding for technology costs related to a part-time Planning and Research Assistant position.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$1,810
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,810

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$335
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$335

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF	2015-16	2016-17
DEPARTMENT TOTALS		
GENERAL FUND	\$25,000	\$17,140
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$335
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$25,000	\$17,475

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