An Act To Ensure Funding for Certain Essential Functions of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Pesticide Safety Education Program

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §607, sub-§6, ¶¶A and B, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 290, §1 and affected by §4, are amended to read:

A. An annual grant of no less than $135,000 to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, on or about April 1st, for development and implementation of integrated pest management programs. The University of Maine may not charge overhead costs against this grant; and

B. Funding for public health-related mosquito monitoring programs or other pesticide stewardship and integrated pest management programs, if designated at the discretion of the board, as funds allow after expenditures under paragraph paragraphs A and C. The board shall seek the advice of the Integrated Pest Management Council established in section 2404 in determining the most beneficial use of the funds, if available, under this subsection; and

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §607, sub-§6, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. An annual grant of $65,000 to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, on or about April 1st, for the development and revision of training manuals for applicator certification, licensing and recertification. The University of Maine may not charge overhead costs against this grant.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §2406, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 290, §2 and affected by §4, is amended to read:

§2406. University of Maine Cooperative Extension integrated pest management programs

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension shall develop and implement integrated pest management programs and develop and revise training manuals for pesticide applicator certification, licensing and recertification. The extension may seek the advice of the Integrated Pest Management Council established in section 2404 in establishing the programs. The extension shall use the funds deposited pursuant to section 607 for the purposes of this section. The extension shall administer the grant pursuant to section 607, subsection 6, paragraph paragraphs A and C.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension to develop and revise training manuals for pesticide applicator certification, licensing and recertification.
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**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control award an annual grant of $65,000 on or about April 1st to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension for the development and revision of training manuals for pesticide applicator certification, licensing and recertification.