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House of Representatives, February 16, 2017

An Act To Establish a Data Collection Program To Monitor Effects of Marijuana Regulation

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Joint Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation
suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R(t) B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, PERRY of Calais, RECKITT of
South Portland, TUELL of East Machias.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day
4 period due to the passage of Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 5, which legalized the
5 recreational use of marijuana effective January 30, 2017; and

6 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
7 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
8 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
9 therefore,

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

11 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2455** is enacted to read:

12 **§2455. Retail marijuana data collection and monitoring program**

13 A program to collect data for the purpose of monitoring the effect on the State from
14 the legalization and regulation of retail marijuana is established in the Department of
15 Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The
16 Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall convene a task force of volunteer
17 experts with varied areas of expertise to identify data collection measures, data sources
18 and protocols for data gathering and reporting for the program. Data must be collected
19 from a variety of sources covering a variety of sectors, including, but not limited to,
20 public safety, road safety, public health, economic effects and effects on youth, the
21 workplace and treatment and health care systems. The program shall publish reports at
22 least on an annual basis for the purpose of providing this data to the Legislature, the
23 Governor's Office and appropriate departments overseeing the implementation of the
24 retail marijuana laws. This data must be used to inform needed adjustments, law changes
25 and rule changes to minimize the financial and social costs to the people of this State.

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

28 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

29 **Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

30 Initiative: Provides funding to establish a Public Service Coordinator II position to
31 develop and implement a data collection and monitoring program for the utilization and
32 regulation of retail marijuana.

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34	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
35	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
36	Personal Services	\$107,822	\$104,627
37	All Other	\$6,278	\$6,278
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