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Amend the amendment by inserting before section 1 the following:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §621, as amended by PL 2005, c. 620, §21, is further amended by inserting after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read:

The State Controller is authorized to advance up to \$500,000 from the Board of Pesticides Control account to the Animal Welfare Fund during any state fiscal year if requested in writing by the commissioner. The funds must be used to meet expenditures of the animal welfare program within the department. The funds must be returned to the account before the close of the state fiscal year in which the advance was made.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment authorizes the State Controller to advance up to \$500,000 from the Board of Pesticides Control account to the Animal Welfare Fund if requested in writing by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.