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132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 374, L.D. 606, “Resolve, to Study Barriers to Financial Assistance Programs for Farmers and Food Producers”

Amend the resolve by inserting before section 1 the following:

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

**Whereas,** farmers and food producers are facing increasing challenges when trying to access both state and federal grant programs; and

**Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to allow the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to study the bureau's financial assistance programs to identify barriers to and improve effectiveness of these programs as soon as possible; and

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

Amend the resolve by adding before the summary the following:

**'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the resolve.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**