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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 247, L.D. 579, “An Act to Support Farmland Conservation and Transition Planning for Farmers”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Support Farmland Conservation'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §164, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Funding. A separate nonlapsing, interest-bearing account, administered by the department, is established in the department to support public-private partnerships to carry out the purposes of the program. The account consists of money appropriated or allocated to it or received from any private or public source.

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

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Establishes one Resource Management Coordinator position and provides funding for associated All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$113,333
All Other	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$116,833
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Initiative: Establishes one Resource Management Coordinator position and provides
 2 funding for associated All Other costs.

3	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
4	All Other	\$0	\$3,292
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$3,292
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8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
9	All Other	\$0	\$647
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11	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$647

13	AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND		
14	FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF		
15	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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17	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$120,125
18	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$647
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20	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$120,772

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

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, and changes the title. The
 26 amendment establishes a separate nonlapsing, interest-bearing account administered by the
 27 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to support public-private
 28 partnerships to carry out the purposes of the Maine Working Farmland Access and
 29 Protection Program. The account consists of money appropriated or allocated to it or
 30 received from any private or public source.

31 The amendment establishes and provides ongoing funding for one full-time, permanent
 32 position within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of
 33 Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, division of agricultural resource development.

34 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

35 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

36 **(See attached)**