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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 199, L.D. 299, “An Act to Support Investment in Agriculture”

Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and inserting the following:

'An Act to Capitalize Agricultural Program Funds'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 1 to 5 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Transfer from Maine Budget Stabilization Fund; Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$100,000,000 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to strengthen the State's agricultural, food and forest products economy and expand infrastructure investments in the agricultural, food and forest products economy pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 320-A.

Sec. 2. Transfer from Maine Budget Stabilization Fund; Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$15,000,000 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to support the activities of the Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 220-A.

Sec. 3. Transfer from Maine Budget Stabilization Fund; Maine Healthy Soils Program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$15,000,000 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Maine Healthy Soils Program Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to support the activities of the Maine Healthy Soils Program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 352.

SENATE AMENDMENT

1 **Sec. 4. Transfer from Maine Budget Stabilization Fund; Maine Working**
 2 **Farmland Access and Protection Program.** Notwithstanding any provision of law
 3 to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$30,000,000
 4 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund within the Department of Administrative and
 5 Financial Services to the Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Program Other
 6 Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and
 7 Forestry to support the activities of the Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection
 8 Program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 164.

9 **Sec. 5. Transfer from Maine Budget Stabilization Fund; Dairy**
 10 **Improvement Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before
 11 June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$25,000,000 from the Maine Budget
 12 Stabilization Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the
 13 Dairy Improvement Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Finance
 14 Authority of Maine to support the activities of the Dairy Improvement Fund pursuant to
 15 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 1023-P.

16 **Sec. 6. Transfer from Maine Budget Stabilization Fund; Improvements to**
 17 **Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law
 18 to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$15,000,000
 19 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund within the Department of Administrative and
 20 Financial Services to the Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Fund
 21 Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Finance Authority of Maine to support
 22 the activities of the Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Fund pursuant
 23 to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 1023-Q.

24 **Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 25 allocations are made.

26 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**
 27 **Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund Z364**

28 Initiative: Provides funds to support the activities of the Farmers Drought Relief Grant
 29 Program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 220-A.

30	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
31	All Other	\$0	\$15,000,000
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33	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$15,000,000

34 **Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund Z384**

35 Initiative: Provides funds to strengthen the State's agricultural, food and forest products
 36 economy and expand infrastructure investments in the agricultural, food and forest
 37 products economy pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 320-A.

38	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
39	All Other	\$0	\$100,000,000
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41	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$100,000,000

42 **Maine Healthy Soils Fund Z328**

1 Initiative: Provides funds to support the activities of the Maine Healthy Soils Program
 2 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 352.

3	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
4	All Other	\$0	\$15,000,000
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6	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$15,000,000</u>

7 **Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Fund Z313**

8 Initiative: Provides funds to support the activities of the Maine Working Farmland Access
 9 and Protection Program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 164.

10	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
11	All Other	\$0	\$30,000,000
12			
13	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$30,000,000</u>

15 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
 16 FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
 17 DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

18		2025-26	2026-27
19	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$160,000,000
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21	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$160,000,000</u>

22 **FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

23 **Dairy Improvement Fund Z143**

24 Initiative: Provides funds to support the activities of the fund pursuant to the Maine Revised
 25 Statutes, Title 10, section 1023-P.

26	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
27	All Other	\$0	\$25,000,000
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29	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$25,000,000</u>

30 **Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Fund Z440**

31 Initiative: Provides funds to support the activities of the fund pursuant to the Maine Revised
 32 Statutes, Title 10, section 1023-Q.

33	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
34	All Other	\$0	\$15,000,000
35			
36	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$15,000,000</u>

38 **FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE
 39 DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

40		2025-26	2026-27
41	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$40,000,000
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1	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$40,000,000
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3	SECTION TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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5	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$200,000,000
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7	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$200,000,000

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

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SUMMARY

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This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A" by striking the provisions of the committee amendment and instead authorizing a one-time transfer of \$200,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to be distributed to agricultural programs within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Finance Authority of Maine.

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SPONSORED BY: _____

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(Senator HICKMAN, C.)

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COUNTY: Kennebec