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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 136, L.D. 315, “An Act to Provide Funding for Drought Relief and Other Programs Benefiting Maine Farmers”

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

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

'An Act to Provide Funding for Programs Benefiting Maine Farmers' '

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first instructional paragraph.

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the emergency preamble.

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Contracted services regarding water withdrawal permitting process. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, of the funds transferred to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in Public Law 2023, chapter 17, Part G, \$35,000 must be used for contracted services to review and overhaul the current water withdrawal permitting process.

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

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236**

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Environmental Specialist II position and provides funding for related All Other costs. This position ends June 7, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$88,400
All Other	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$91,900

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the emergency clause.

SENATE AMENDMENT

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

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment requires that \$35,000 of the funds transferred to the Department of
5 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund
6 program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in Public Law 2023, chapter 17, Part G be
7 used for contracted services to review and overhaul the current water withdrawal permitting
8 process. It also strikes and replaces the appropriations and allocations section and removes
9 the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

10 **SPONSORED BY:** _____

11 **(Senator ROTUNDO, M.)**

12 **COUNTY: Androscoggin**