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Amend the amendment by inserting after Part HH the following:

PART II

Sec. II-1. Transfer to dairy stabilization program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$4,000,000 no later than September 1, 2012 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 142 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Milk Commission program, Maine Milk Pool Other Special Revenue Funds account for increased payments through the dairy stabilization program.

Sec. II-2. Apportionment of additional payments. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Maine Milk Commission shall apportion the \$4,000,000 transferred pursuant to section 1 over a 12-month period based on the distribution method established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 3153-B, subsection 4. The amount distributed pursuant to this section is in addition to any other amount distributed.

Sec. II-3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Milk Commission 0188

Initiative: Adjusts allocation to reflect the transfer of funds from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to increase funding for the dairy stabilization program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2011-12	2012-13
All Other	\$0	\$4,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$4,000,000

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

SUMMARY

This amendment transfers \$4,000,000 no later than September 1, 2012 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Milk Commission

program, Maine Milk Pool Other Special Revenue Funds account for increased payments through the dairy stabilization program.

This amendment requires the Maine Milk Commission to distribute the transferred amount over a 12-month period based on the formula provided in current law for the distribution of other funds from the dairy stabilization program. The amount is in addition to any other amount distributed under the dairy stabilization program.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)