



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 1769(02)

## An Act To Promote Food Self-sufficiency for the People of the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$42,140	\$22,960	\$23,806	\$24,686
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$42,140	\$22,960	\$23,806	\$24,686
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$251	\$335	\$335	\$335

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to maintain an agricultural jobs network linking farms and facilities processing agricultural products grown in the State with available workers. This bill requires ACF to conduct an educational marketing campaign to promote food self-sufficiency and engage in the use of social media, radio advertising, posters, brochures and publicly accessible department websites. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 to conduct a statewide radio campaign, create posters and brochures and provide funds for website costs and General Fund appropriations of \$17,140 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$22,960 in fiscal year 2016-17 for one part-time Planning and Research Assistant position to assist the project, as well as communicate and educate constituents.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, the Maine Community College System, the Department of Labor, the Department of Education and the Department of Economic and Community Development to implement the requirements of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.