



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Improve Efficiency of Meat and Poultry Processing Facilities by Requiring the Designation of State Inspectors as Essential

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$57,472	\$60,250	\$63,166	\$66,227
Revenue				
General Fund	\$57,472	\$60,250	\$63,166	\$66,227

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) to classify meat and poultry product inspections as essential services and to continue providing inspection services on state holidays and under other circumstances, including when requested by impacted establishments. This change would require DACF to pay overtime Personal Services costs and associated All Other expenses, which would require ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$57,472 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26. The bill authorizes DACF to recover these costs from establishments that request the services, which is expected to result in offsetting General Fund revenue.