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**130TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 201, L.D. 493, “An Act To Allow Custom Slaughterhouses To Produce Cuts of Meat To Be Sold Commercially in the State”

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

**'An Act To Increase Capacity for Slaughtering and Meat Processing in Maine'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources report regarding slaughtering and meat processing.** The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall work with stakeholders to address the State’s institutional capacity for animal slaughter and meat and poultry processing. The bureau shall:

1. Create an exploratory committee for workforce training strategies. The exploratory committee may include, but is not limited to, representatives from the Department of Labor, the Department of Corrections, the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and meat and poultry processors. The committee shall examine workforce training strategies, including, but not limited to, a work release program, the creation of a community college curriculum and certificate program in meat cutting and train-the-trainer modules, and possible funding for mobile training and processing units;

2. Assess whether the State's meat and poultry inspection program staffing levels are adequate to meet increasing demand for inspection services; and

3. Partner with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension to increase training capacity and outreach regarding animal finishing standards and include the use of county extension agents in these efforts.

The bureau shall submit a progress report on its duties under this section to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters no later

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 than January 3, 2023. Following receipt and review of the report, the joint standing  
 2 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters may submit a bill  
 3 relating to the subject matter of the report to the First Regular Session of the 131st  
 4 Legislature.

5 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
 6 allocations are made.

7 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**  
 8 **Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

9 Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support a feasibility study specific to the State  
 10 conducted by the University of Maine. The purpose of the feasibility study is to identify  
 11 financial, physical, regulatory and cultural barriers to increasing red meat and poultry  
 12 slaughter and processing in the State.

13	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
14	All Other	\$0	\$100,000
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16	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

17 **Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

18 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to underwrite a University of Maine Cooperative  
 19 Extension hazard analysis critical control point position for assisting with developing and  
 20 writing food safety plans for meat and poultry processors and seafood processors.

21	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
22	All Other	\$0	\$150,000
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24	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>

26 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND**  
 27 **FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**  
 28 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

29		<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
30	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
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32	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$250,000</b></u>

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

36 **SUMMARY**

37 This amendment, which strikes and replaces the bill, requires the Department of  
 38 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources  
 39 to work with stakeholders to address the State’s institutional capacity for animal slaughter  
 40 and meat and poultry processing. The amendment requires the bureau to submit a progress  
 41 report on its work with stakeholders to the joint standing committee of the Legislature

1 having jurisdiction over agricultural matters no later than January 3, 2023. The joint  
2 standing committee may submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the First  
3 Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

4 The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to provide ongoing  
5 funding to underwrite a University of Maine Cooperative Extension hazard analysis critical  
6 control point position for assisting with developing and writing food safety plans for meat  
7 and poultry processors and seafood processors. The amendment also provides one-time  
8 funding to support a feasibility study specific to the State conducted by the University of  
9 Maine. The purpose of the feasibility study is to identify financial, physical, regulatory  
10 and cultural barriers to increasing red meat and poultry slaughter and processing in the  
11 State.

12 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

13 **(See attached)**