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STATE OF MAINE
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132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 1491, L.D. 2212, “An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027”

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part HHHH the following:

'PART III

Sec. III-1. Transfer from General Fund; Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$24,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to provide funds to strengthen the State's agricultural, food and forest products economy and expand infrastructure investments in the agricultural, food and forest products economy pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 320-A, including \$12,000,000 for activities of the fund pertaining to forestry, \$4,000,000 for activities of the fund pertaining to milk producers and \$8,000,000 for activities of the fund pertaining to agriculture other than the activities of milk producers.

Sec. III-2. Transfer from General Fund; Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$4,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to support the activities of the program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 220-A.

Sec. III-3. Transfer from General Fund; Maine Healthy Soils Program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$4,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Healthy Soils Program Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to provide funds to support the activities of the program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 352.

SENATE AMENDMENT

1 **Sec. III-4. Transfer from General Fund; Maine Working Farmland**
 2 **Access and Protection Program.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
 3 contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$5,000,000 from
 4 the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Working Farmland Access
 5 and Protection Program Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of
 6 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to support the activities of the program pursuant to
 7 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 164.

8 **Sec. III-5. Transfer from General Fund; Dairy Improvement Fund.**
 9 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State
 10 Controller shall transfer \$3,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund
 11 to the Dairy Improvement Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Finance
 12 Authority of Maine to support the activities of the fund pursuant to the Maine Revised
 13 Statutes, Title 10, section 1023-P.

14 **Sec. III-6. Department of Health and Human Services to identify positions**
 15 **to eliminate.** By no later than September 1, 2026, the Department of Health and Human
 16 Services shall identify 135 positions or their equivalent to eliminate in order to
 17 deappropriate \$12,000,000.

18 **Sec. III-7. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 19 allocations are made.

20 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

21 **Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund Z364**

22 Initiative: Provides funds to support the activities of the program pursuant to the Maine
 23 Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 220-A.

24	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
25	All Other	\$0	\$4,000,000
26			
27	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$4,000,000

28 **Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund Z384**

29 Initiative: Provides funds to strengthen the State's agricultural, food and forest products
 30 economy and expand infrastructure investments in the agricultural, food and forest
 31 products economy pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 320-A, including
 32 \$12,000,000 for activities of the fund pertaining to forestry, \$4,000,000 for activities of the
 33 fund pertaining to milk producers and \$8,000,000 for activities of the fund pertaining to
 34 agriculture other than the activities of milk producers.

35	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
36	All Other	\$0	\$24,000,000
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38	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$24,000,000

39 **Maine Healthy Soils Fund Z328**

40 Initiative: Provides funds to support the activities of the program pursuant to the Maine
 41 Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 352.

42	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
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1	All Other	\$0	\$4,000,000
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3	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$4,000,000
4	Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Fund Z313		
5	Initiative: Provides funds to support the activities of the program pursuant to the Maine		
6	Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 164.		
7	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
8	All Other	\$0	\$5,000,000
9			
10	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$5,000,000
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12	AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND		
13	FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF		
14	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
15			
16	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$37,000,000
17			
18	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$37,000,000
19	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
20	General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308		
21	Initiative: Reduces one-time funding to school districts to stabilize school budgets for		
22	schools with a high proportion of economically disadvantaged students.		
23	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
24	All Other	\$0	(\$3,000,000)
25			
26	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$3,000,000)
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28	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
29	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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31	GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$3,000,000)
32			
33	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$3,000,000)
34	FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE		
35	Dairy Improvement Fund Z143		
36	Initiative: Provides funds to support the activities of the fund pursuant to the Maine Revised		
37	Statutes, Title 10, section 1023-P.		
38	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
39	All Other	\$0	\$3,000,000
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41	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$3,000,000

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2	FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE		
3	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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5	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$3,000,000
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7	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$3,000,000
8	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
9	Child Care Services 0563		
10	Initiative: Deappropriates funding from Part A for the Maine Child Care Affordability		
11	Program.		
12	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
13	All Other	\$0	(\$5,000,000)
14			
15	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$5,000,000)
16			
17	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
18	All Other	\$0	\$500
19			
20	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$500
21	Departmentwide 0640		
22	Initiative: The Department of Health and Human Services shall eliminate 135 positions or		
23	their equivalent at the department's discretion to deappropriate \$12 million, which lapses		
24	into the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.		
25	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
26	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(135.000)
27	Personal Services	\$0	(\$12,000,000)
28			
29	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$12,000,000)
30	Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211		
31	Initiative: Deappropriates funds from Part A to reflect trends in health care costs and		
32	enrollment.		
33	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
34	All Other	\$0	(\$5,000,000)
35			
36	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$5,000,000)
37	Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211		
38	Initiative: Deappropriates funds from Part A to reflect trends in health care costs and		
39	enrollment.		
40	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
41	All Other	\$0	(\$5,000,000)

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2	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$5,000,000)
3	Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210		
4	Initiative: Deappropriates funds from Part A to reflect trends in health care costs and		
5	enrollment.		
6	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
7	All Other	\$0	(\$1,000,000)
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9	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$1,000,000)
10	Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147		
11	Initiative: Deappropriates one-time funding for a supplemental payment to the Maine		
12	Veterans' Homes for MaineCare residents.		
13	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
14	All Other	\$0	(\$1,192,705)
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16	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$1,192,705)
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18	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
19	DEPARTMENT OF		
20	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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22	GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$29,192,705)
23	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$500
24			
25	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$29,192,205)
26	HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE		
27	Shelter Operating Subsidy 0661		
28	Initiative: Reduces one-time funding for emergency homeless shelters in the State to be		
29	allocated as part of the operations share of the shelter operating subsidy through the Maine		
30	State Housing Authority's emergency shelter and housing assistance program.		
31	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
32	All Other	\$0	(\$1,000,000)
33			
34	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$1,000,000)
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36	Initiative: Reduces one-time funding for emergency homeless shelters in the State to be		
37	allocated as part of the operations share of the shelter operating subsidy through the Maine		
38	State Housing Authority's emergency shelter and housing assistance program.		
39	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
40	All Other	\$0	(\$1,000,000)
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42	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$1,000,000)

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HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$2,000,000)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$2,000,000)
SECTION TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$34,192,705)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$40,000,500
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$5,807,795

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

SUMMARY

This amendment transfers a total of \$40,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to support the activities of the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forestry Products Investment Fund, the Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program, the Maine Healthy Soils Program, the Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Program and the Dairy Improvement Fund.

The amendment reduces the amount of funding provided in Part A for several programs, including funding for schools with a high proportion of economically disadvantaged students, the Maine Child Care Affordability Program, certain MaineCare and Medicaid services and the shelter operating subsidy. It also eliminates an appropriation for one-time funding for a supplemental payment to the Maine Veterans' Homes for MaineCare residents.

The amendment also deappropriates \$12,000,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services. Those funds must lapse into the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. The amendment also directs the department to identify 135 positions or the equivalent of 135 positions to eliminate in order to deappropriate \$12,000,000 from the department by no later than September 1, 2026.

SPONSORED BY: _____

(Senator CYRWAY, S.)

COUNTY: Kennebec