

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 1937

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 771, L.D. 1937, Bill, "An Act To Appropriate Funds to the Maine Potato Board for the Purchase of Potatoes in Need of Disposal Due to Weather Conditions during the Harvest in 2003"

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

'An Act To Appropriate Funds to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources for the Purchase of Potatoes in Need of Disposal Due to Weather Conditions during the Harvest in 2003'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

**Sec. 1. Reimbursement for cull potatoes.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 1007-A, subsection 4, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources may, for the 2003 crop year, reimburse farmers for cull potatoes disposed of in accordance with the rules of the department, Chapter 600, regarding disposal of cull potato piles. If the department provides reimbursement pursuant to this section, growers must be reimbursed on a prorated basis in accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant to Title 7, section 1007-A, subsection 3.

**Sec. 2. Transfer of funds.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$750,000 from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance, Other Special Revenue Funds account 014-02A-0092-02 to the Potato Cull Removal Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 1007-A, subsection 5. By July 1, 2005, the Treasurer of State

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shall transfer \$750,000 to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance, Other Special Revenue Funds account 014-02A-0092-02 from the General Fund.

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

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Allocates funds for the Potato Cull Removal Fund.

Other Special Revenue Funds	2003-04	2004-05
All Other	\$0	\$750,000
Other Special Revenue Funds Total	\$0	\$750,000'

SUMMARY

This amendment allows the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to reimburse farmers for cull potatoes for the 2003 crop year disposed of in accordance with rules of the department and provides \$750,000 to the department for this purpose from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance. The funds are to be repaid to the Bureau of Insurance from the General Fund by July 1, 2005.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

SPONSORED BY: (Representative W. SMITH)

TOWN: Van Buren

**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



**LD 1937**

**An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Maine Potato Board for the  
Purchase of Potatos in Need of Disposal Due to Weather Conditions  
during the Harvest in 2003**

**LR 2829(04)**

**Fiscal Note for House Amendment " "**

**Sponsor: Rep. Smith**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

**Fiscal Note**

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$750,000	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$750,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Transfers</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$750,000)	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$750,000	\$0

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This amendment decreases the Other Special Revenue Funds resources of the Bureau of Insurance within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation by \$750,000 and increases the dedicated resources of the Office of the Commissioner within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources by that same amount in fiscal year 2004-05.

This amendment also decreases the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by \$750,000 and increases the dedicated resources of the Other Special Revenue Funds resources of the Bureau of Insurance by that same amount in fiscal year 2005-06.