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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 211, L.D. 311, "An Act to Improve Efficiency of Meat and Poultry Processing Facilities by Requiring the Designation of State Inspectors as Essential"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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

Initiative: Provides funding for the cost of required overtime and mileage.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$55,544	\$58,322
All Other	\$1,928	\$1,928
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$57,472	\$60,250

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency clause.

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

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill and adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 311****LR 742(02)****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****A' (H-54)**

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.