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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 591, L.D. 1450, "An Act Regarding the Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program"

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

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §60, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 301, §1, is amended to read:

B. Is limited to a term of not less than ~~20~~ 10 years.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §60-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 693, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Program. ~~In The Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program is established in order to protect and support local farms, preserve farmland and reduce the potential tax burdens from new development~~ fiscal burden for participating municipalities that results from new development in rural areas. Under this program, a municipality may enter into farm support arrangements with the owners of qualified farmland.

A. A farm support arrangement must be approved by majority vote of the municipality's legislative body or municipal officers or by a municipal employee appointed by the municipal officers and designated to review and approve farm support arrangements.

B. Unless approved by a 2/3 vote of the municipality's legislative body, the municipality may not enter into farm support arrangements:

(1) Affecting more than 3% of the total annual valuation of taxable land in the municipality; ~~and or~~

(2) In any calendar year, affecting more than 1% of the total annual valuation of taxable land in the municipality.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §60-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 301, §1, is amended to read:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 591, L.D. 1450 (S-176)



Approved: 05/22/25 **LRL**

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An Act Regarding the Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to adopt the changes in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.