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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
109TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1745, L.D. 1861, Bill, "AN ACT to Revise and Strengthen the Bee Industry Law."

Amend the Amendment by striking out everything after the title and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2551, as amended by PL 1977, c. 157, §5, is further amended to read:

§2551. Bee inspectors

The commissioner ~~shall~~ may employ one or more persons qualified by experience and knowledge in beekeeping and detection of bee diseases as inspectors of apiaries, who shall serve during the pleasure of the commissioner. No person may be a bee inspector who owns more than 40 colonies of bees subject to this Part.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	<u>1980-81</u>
AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF	
Personal Services	\$3,200
All Other	
Total	<u>300</u>
	\$3,500
This appropriation, in addition to ← \$3,700 already appropriated ← is to be used to fund a part-time bee inspector.	

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to remove from the bill the provisions relating to the agricultural entomologist. The funds appropriated in this amendment, when added to moneys currently appropriated, will provide \$7,200 to fund a part-time bee inspector. This additional \$3,500 appropriation reflects the increase in General Fund revenue as a result of increased fees paid by bee hive owners.

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