

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-874)
109TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1936 L.D. 1988, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Periodic Justification of Departments and Agencies of State Government under the Maine Sunset Law."

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 62.

Further amend the bill by striking out all of Part B and Part C and inserting in their place the following:

'PART B

Adjustments to General Fund. In order to provide for necessary adjustments of the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981, and in order to implement the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review, the appropriation provided by the first regular session of the 109th Legislature are decreased by the amounts designated in the following tabulations.

DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY	APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND
	<u>1980-81</u>
AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF	
Departmental Administrative Services	
All Other	(\$ 33,500)
Eliminates the \$.03 per inhabitant appropriation for the stipend fund. General Fund revenues are reduced by an estimated \$30,000 to offset this deappropriation.	
Agricultural Marketing Services	

DEPARTMENT OR AGENCYAPPROPRIATION FROM
GENERAL FUND1980-81

Positions	(-7)
Personal Services	(\$100,000)
All Other	(28,200)
Capital Expenditures	(10,300)

Provides for the transfer of 7 positions and funds to the Division of INspections to enforce the branding law.

Animal Industry Services

Positions	(-3)
Personal Services	(43,000)
All Other	(30,900)

Eliminates the appropriation for the Production and Pullet Test farm. Reduces General Fund revenues by an estimated \$35,900.

Plant Industry Services

All Other	(\$ 3,000)
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Eliminates the appropriation for payment of claims for damage to beehives by wild animals.

<u>DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION FROM</u> <u>GENERAL FUND</u>
	<u>1980-81</u>
Consumer Services	
Positions	(-1)
Personal Services	(2,800)
All Other	(700)
Eliminates the appropriation for a seasonal Blueberry Inspector Supervisor.	
State Harness Racing Commission	
Personal Services	(2,100)
Reduces the salary of the members of the commission to \$50 per diem.	
Maine Agricultural Bargaining Board	
Personal Services	(1,000)
All Other	(2,000)
Eliminates the appropriation for the Agricultural Bargain- ing Board.	
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT	
State Planning Office	
Positions	(-2)
Personal Services	(28,900)
All Other	(21,900)
Eliminates positions and funds from General Policy Activity area.	

DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY

APPROPRIATION FROM
GENERAL FUND
1980-81

DEFENSE AND VETERANS SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Services to Veterans

All Other

(\$ 12,500)

Begins implementation of the elimination of up to \$300 payment for veterans' dependents eligible for free tuition at State-supported institutions.

TOTAL PART B - GENERAL FUND

(\$320,800)

PART C

Appropriations from General Fund. In order to provide for expenditures of State Government and other purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981, and in order to implement the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review, the sums designated in the following tabulations are appropriated out of moneys in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated.

DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY

APPROPRIATION FROM
GENERAL FUND

1980-81

AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF

Consumer Services

Positions	(7)
Personal Services	\$100,000
All Other	28,200
Capital Expenditures	10,300

Provided for by transfer from
Agricultural Marketing Services.

Positions	(6)
Personal Services	88,300
All Other	87,900

Provided for by transferring a
number of dedicated accounts to
General Fund accounts, increasing
fees in some instances and estab-
lishing new fees in some instances.
Total new revenues to General Fund
from fees amount to \$230,750.

TOTAL PART C - GENERAL FUND

\$314,700

Fiscal Note

This amendment restores \$100,900 (6 positions) to maintain the state meat inspection program and also restores \$83,630 (4 positions) to maintain the branding law program as it is currently being operated. The amendment thus reduces the General Fund savings in the bill from \$335,480 to \$150,940.

Statement of Fact

This amendment reinstates the state meat inspection program eliminated in the bill. The amendment also restores 4 positions currently used to inspect potato warehouses and man truck stops to enforce the branding law on potatoes. These four positions are eliminated in the bill.