

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1109

S.P. 368

In Senate, April 7, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator THERIAULT of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Van Buren,
Representative MCHENRY of Madawaska, Representative PARADIS of
Frenchville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide Funds to Encourage
the Maine Family Farm.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §18 is enacted to read:

§18. Family Farm Advocacy Fund; Family Farm Advocacy Program

1. Fund establishment. There is established, within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Family Farm Advocacy Fund which shall be used to provide grants to local, regional or statewide organizations to address issues and advocate programs directly benefiting Maine family farms.

1 2. Application for funds. The department shall
2 administer the Family Farm Advocacy Program and shall
3 establish, by rule, in accordance with the Maine Ad-
4 ministrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375,
5 criteria for the allocation of grant money consistent
6 with the provisions and content of this section, a
7 schedule for accepting and reviewing applications, and
8 reporting requirements on grant expenditures and
9 project results and other administrative requirements
10 necessary for the efficient implementation of this
11 program. In making grant awards, the commissioner
12 shall endeavor to take into special consideration ap-
13 plications representing subregions of the State and
14 shall endeavor to make awards which ensure that the
15 perspectives of these subregions are well repre-
16 sented.

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

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
21 <u>AGRICULTURE, FOOD</u>		
22 <u>AND RURAL RESOURCES,</u>		
23 <u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
24 Bureau of Agricul-		
25 tural and Rural Re-		
26 sources		
27 All Other	\$60,000	\$60,000

28 These funds shall be
29 used used for the
30 Family Farm Advocacy
31 Program.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill establishes a Family Farm Advocacy Program to provide funds to local, regional or statewide organizations to address issues and advocate programs in support of mid-sized farms in Maine.

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