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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1593, L.D. 2206, Bill, "An Act to Encourage Farming in Maine"

Amend the bill by inserting after the emergency clause and before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill expands the eligibility requirements for the linked investment program for agriculture to include new entrants to agriculture. This program is operated on a first-come first-served basis and is currently capped at \$4,000,000 annually. Since all of these funds are fully utilized each year and are capped, expanding the number eligible might displace some farmers who are currently eligible. However, no additional commitment of state funds is required.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendments adds a fiscal note to the bill. No additional state funds are required.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture
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