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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 360, L.D. 962, "Resolve, to Allow Scott Keirstead and Don Keirstead, Who Are a Partnership Farming Operation Located in Presque Isle, Known as Keirstead Farm, to Bring a Civil Action against the State"

Amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

This resolve allows the State to be sued for an unspecified amount, including costs and interest. If the plaintiff is successful, a General Fund appropriation for the recovery will be necessary. In addition to the plaintiff's award and not subject to the limit, an additional General Fund appropriation of approximately \$15,000 will be required by the Department of the Attorney General to defend the claim utilizing outside counsel. The amount and timing of the appropriations will depend on when the suit is filed and its outcome.

The Judicial Department can absorb the additional work load and administrative costs associated with this individual case. Given the high cost of jury trials, a General Fund appropriation may be necessary once the cumulative effect of all legislation authorizing civil action against the State, towns and municipalities is known.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

Reported by the Minority for the Committee on Legal Affairs.
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