

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 326, L.D. 978, Bill, "An Act to Preserve the Solvency of the Unemployment Compensation Fund"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

**Sec. 9. Transfer of funds.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1164, the State Controller is authorized to transfer \$2,100 before June 30, 1993, \$4,454 before June 30, 1994 and \$2,354 before June 30, 1995 from the Special Administrative Expense Fund to the General Fund as undedicated revenue.

**Sec. 10. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
<b>AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>			
<b>Departmentwide</b>			
Personal Services	\$2,100	\$4,454	\$2,354
Provides funding for additional unemployment compensation costs. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585, the State Budget Officer is authorized			

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2 to transfer funds  
within the department  
4 to General Fund  
accounts as required to  
6 provide funding for  
these unemployment  
compensation costs.'

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10 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
statement of fact the following:

12 'FISCAL NOTE

14		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
16	<b>APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS</b>			
18	General Fund	\$2,100	\$4,454	\$2,354

20 **REVENUES**

22	General Fund	\$2,100	\$4,454	\$2,354
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26 Through a combination of benefit savings and increased  
contributions, the provisions of this bill will eliminate  
28 projected deficits of \$14,500,000 in calendar year 1993 and  
\$43,600,000 in calendar year 1994 for the Unemployment  
30 Compensation Fund. It is estimated that the fund will have  
ending balances of \$11,000,000 and \$1,100,000 for calendar years  
1993 and 1994, respectively.

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34 The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will  
require additional General Fund appropriations of \$2,100, \$4,454  
36 and \$2,354 in fiscal years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95,  
respectively, for increased unemployment compensation costs.

38 Transfers of available balances of the Special  
Administrative Expense Fund within the Department of Labor will  
40 increase undedicated General Fund revenue by \$2,100, \$4,454 and  
\$2,354 in fiscal years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95,  
42 respectively, to offset the additional General Fund  
appropriations.

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2 The Maine Sardine Council, Saco River Corridor Commission  
and the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission will incur some minor  
4 additional costs to pay for the increase of unemployment  
compensation taxes. These costs can be absorbed within the  
6 agencies' existing budgeted resources.

8 The Baxter State Park Authority may need to adjust its  
allocation to pay for this increase. The amounts can not be  
determined at this time.

10 The increase in unemployment compensation taxes will  
12 increase costs for 195 municipalities and local units of  
government. The total additional costs are estimated to be  
14 \$93,583 and \$49,751 for calendar years 1993-94 and 1994-95,  
respectively. A recent Attorney General's opinion indicated that  
16 these additional costs are not subject to reimbursement as a  
state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine.'

20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This amendment adds an appropriation section and fiscal note  
24 to the bill. The amendment also authorizes transfers of revenue  
from the Department of Labor's Special Administrative Expense  
26 Fund to the General Fund.

Reported by Senator Handy of Androscoggin for the Committee on Labor.  
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