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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1096, L.D. 1540, Bill, "An Act Concerning Potato Blight Eradication and the Disposal of Cull Potatoes"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1995-96	1996-97
AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Potato Cull Removal Fund		
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
Allocates funds to authorize expenditures related to potato cull removal and enforcement.'		

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1096, L.D. 1540

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

Other Funds \$15,000 \$15,000

REVENUES

Other Funds \$15,000 \$15,000

This bill establishes a new civil violation. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines will increase dedicated revenue to the Potato Cull Removal Fund, established in this bill. If the balance of the fund exceeds \$15,000, the revenue from the fines will accrue to the General Fund. The amount of dedicated revenue and the amount of General Fund revenue, if any, that will be generated by these fines can not be determined at this time.

In addition to the dedicated revenue from fines, the fund is authorized to accept funding from any sources. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will require allocations of \$15,000 annually in fiscal years 1995-96 and 1996-97 to authorize expenditures of this dedicated revenue to the Potato Cull Removal Fund.

The costs associated with developing rules can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds an allocation and a fiscal note to the bill.