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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 736, L.D. 2086, Bill, "An Act to Preserve the State's Farm Economy and Heritage"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the first indented paragraph the following:

'Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§320." in subsection 1 by striking out all of the first line (page 3, line 30 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Duties. The department shall ensure that the following duties are performed:'

Further amend the amendment by inserting after paragraph G the following:

'Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§320." by striking out all of subsections 3 and 4 (page 4, lines 15 to 26 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

'3. Administration by other than department. The department shall contract the administration of this program to a suitable organization selected through a competitive process developed by the department. The organization selected must provide a match of a minimum of \$200,000 nonstate funds. The contracting organization is responsible for performing all duties set forth in subsection 1, except that it is solely the department's responsibility to perform the duty set forth in subsection 1, paragraph F.'

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

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2 4. Funding. The contracting organization may not expend  
3 more than 15% of the total state funding per year or \$125,000  
4 over the life of the program for this program on administration  
5 costs and shall reserve at least 40% of the total state funding  
6 for this program for investment support pursuant to section 319.  
7 Funds appropriated to the program may not lapse but must be  
8 carried forward.' '

9 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2  
10 (page 1, lines 47 and 48 and page 2, lines 2 to 32 in amendment)  
11 and inserting in its place the following:

12 'Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated  
13 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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16 **2000-01**

17 **AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL**  
18 **RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

19 **Maine Farms for the Future**  
20 **Program**

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23 All Other \$200,000

24 Provides one-time funds to reimburse farms  
25 for outside services to develop business  
26 plans and for investment support to  
27 implement the plans through the Maine Farms  
28 for the Future Program. Any balance  
29 remaining at the end of the fiscal year may  
30 not lapse but must be carried forward to be  
31 used for the same purpose.'

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33 **FISCAL NOTE**

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35 This amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill by  
36 \$766,728 in fiscal year 2000-01. As amended, this bill includes  
37 a General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2000-01  
38 for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to  
39 implement the Maine Farms for the Future Program.  
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43 **SUMMARY**

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45 This amendment reduces the appropriation from \$1,066,728 to  
46 a one-time appropriation of \$200,000 and requires the Department  
47 of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to contract with an  
48 organization that would provide \$200,000 matching nonstate funds

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2 for a program total of \$400,000. The amendment prohibits the  
3 contracting organization from expending more than 15% per year of  
4 the cost of the program or \$125,000 over the life of the program  
5 for administration.

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