

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 1215

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**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 377, L.D. 1215, Bill, "An Act to Provide Funding to Continue the State Meat Inspection Program"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

**Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
<b>AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation</b>		
Positions - Legislative Count	(0.500)	(2.500)
Personal Services	\$31,000	\$156,153
All Other	7,000	34,908

Establishes an additional 1/2-time State Veterinarian position in fiscal year 2001-02 and 2 additional Consumer Protection Inspector positions in fiscal year 2002-03 to continue the state meat inspection program

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 377, L.D. 1215

authorized by Public Law  
1999, chapter 777.

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4 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,**  
6 **FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES**

6 **TOTAL** \$38,000 \$191,061'

8 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
summary the following:

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12 **FISCAL NOTE**

14 **2001-02** **2002-03**

16 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

18 General Fund \$38,000 \$191,061

20 **REVENUES**

22 General Fund \$95,531

24 This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$38,000  
and \$191,061 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively,  
26 for the Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation within the  
Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to provide  
28 ongoing funding for the meat inspection program.

30 If the department's meat inspection program is approved by  
the Federal Government, then the State's General Fund will be  
32 reimbursed by the Federal Government for 1/2 of the program  
costs; the initial reimbursement is estimated to be \$95,531 in  
34 fiscal year 2002-03.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment reduces the first year costs of the meat  
40 inspection program from \$146,327 to \$38,000 by delaying the  
employment of one additional Consumer Protection Inspector  
42 position until fiscal year 2002-03. It also adds a fiscal note  
to the bill.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**