

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

Legislative Document

No. 1516

S.P. 463

In Senate, March 8, 2001

An Act to Support Family Farms.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TREAT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne and
Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, KNEELAND of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin,
Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, COWGER of Hallowell, GREEN of Monmouth,
Speaker SAXL of Portland, WATSON of Farmingdale.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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

	2001-02	2002-03
AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Office of the Commissioner		
Positions - Legislative Count	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$42,709	\$59,083
All Other	2,500	2,500
Capital Expenditures	3,500	
<p>Provides funds for one additional Senior Planner position to provide financial and estate planning to farmers, to provide outreach and assistance concerning land management and limited development planning in order to bring agricultural projects before the Land for Maine's Future Board and to conduct research and data collection in order to establish a baseline of information about farmland values for guidelines for assessors to use in the farm and open space tax program.</p>		
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES		
TOTAL	\$48,709	\$61,583

SUMMARY

This bill appropriates funds to establish an additional Senior Planner position within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. This position will provide various outreach, planning and research functions for state farmers.