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## 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2003

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No. 593

S.P. 202

In Senate, February 11, 2003

**An Act To Provide Temporary Emergency Relief to Maine Dairy Farmers** 

(EMERGENCY)

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRYANT of Oxford. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representative PIOTTI of Unity and
Senators: DAMON of Hancock, GAGNON of Kennebec, HATCH of Somerset, TREAT of
Kennebec, Representatives: McKEE of Wayne, MILLS of Cornville, PINEAU of Jay,
WOTTON of Littleton.

	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not			
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and			
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6	Whereas, the producer price of milk has dropped to 20-year lows; and			
8	Whereas, these prices jeopardize the viability of the Maine			
10	dairy industry; and			
_	Whereas, the Maine dairy industry is essential to the			
12	State's rural economy and communities and generates business activity and preserves open space; and			
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16	Whereas, the stablization of the dairy industry during temporary price drops constitutes a public purpose and an appropriate expenditure of state revenues; and			
18	XX78.			
20	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately			
22	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,			
24	safety, now, therefore,			
2.0	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:			
26	Sec. 1. Transfer of funds. Notwithstanding any other provision			
28	of law, the State Controller shall transfer to the Maine Milk			
	Pool as established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7,			
30	section 3153 \$500,000 from the unallocated cash balance of the Maine Milk Commission.			
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34	Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.			
36	AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF			
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	Maine Milk Pool			
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42	Initiative: Provides for a one-time appropriation of funds to be transferred to the Maine Milk Pool.			
44	<b>General Fund</b> 2002-03 2003-04			
	All Other \$225,000 \$0			
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48	General Fund Total \$225,000 \$0			
	Initiative: Provides for the allocation of funds to carry out			
50	the provisions of this Act. The funds must be distributed no			

2	later than April 2003 equally to all accordance with their production.	Maine dai	ry farmers in	
4	Other Special Revenue Funds	#725 000	#10	
6	All Other	\$725,000	\$0	
	Other Special Revenue Funds Total	\$725,000	\$0	
8	LODZOW WITH BOOK LINE SWELL BECOMESTS			
10	AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES			
10	DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2002-03	2003-04	
12	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2002-03	2003-04	
12	GENERAL FUND	\$225,000	\$0	
14	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	725,000	\$0 \$0	
14	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE COMPS	725,000	<b>4</b> 0	
16	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$950,000	\$0	
18	Emergency clause. In view of the		cited in the	
20	preamble, this Act takes effect when appr	coved.		
22	SUMMARY			
24	This bill provides for the allocat temporary emergency relief to Maine dairy		nds to provide	