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L.D. 852

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**123RD LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**Majority**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 262, L.D. 852, Bill, "An Act To Raise Benefits for Farmers under the Milk Subsidy Program and To Prevent Price Gouging in the Sale of Milk"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Adjust the Levels of the State's Dairy Stabilization Program'**

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Maine dairy industry is essential to the State's rural economy and communities, generates business activity and preserves open space; and

**Whereas,** the stabilization of the dairy industry during temporary price drops constitutes a public purpose and an appropriate expenditure of state revenues; and

**Whereas,** the tiered dairy stabilization program has been successful in curbing the loss of dairy farms in the State; and

**Whereas,** the target prices in the tiered program need to be revised to reflect updated cost-of-production studies; and

**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 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**





# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 852

LR 1410(02)

## An Act To Raise Benefits for Farmers under the Milk Subsidy Program and To Prevent Price Gouging in the Sale of Milk

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	(\$2,507,900)	(\$2,049,525)	(\$2,049,525)	(\$2,049,525)
<b>Transfers</b>				
General Fund	\$2,507,900	\$2,049,525	\$2,049,525	\$2,049,525
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$2,507,900)	(\$2,049,525)	(\$2,049,525)	(\$2,049,525)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Changes in the target prices for the Milk Subsidy Program will decrease the amount of General Fund revenue which is transferred to the Maine Milk Pool. The estimated decreases are \$2,507,900 and \$2,049,525 in fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09, respectively.