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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 877, L.D. 1291, Bill, "An Act To Promote Food Self-sufficiency for the People of the State"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §219 by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 1, lines 36 to 42 in L.D.)

Amend the bill in section 1 in §219 by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 2, lines 1 and 2 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'5. Existing resources. The department shall use existing programs and resources in carrying out the purposes of this section.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §219 by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
Division of Agricultural Resource Development 0833**

Initiative: Provides funds for radio advertisements, website costs and posters and brochures.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$25,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Food Assistance Program 0816

Initiative: Provides funds to establish a part-time Planning and Research Assistant position.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 877, L.D. 1291

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2		GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
3		POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
4		Personal Services	\$15,782	\$21,150
5		GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$15,782</u>	<u>\$21,150</u>
6		Office of the Commissioner 0401		
7		Initiative: Provides funds for technology costs associated with establishing the Planning		
8		and Research Assistant position.		
9		GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
10		All Other	\$1,358	\$1,810
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12		GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,358</u>	<u>\$1,810</u>
13		OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
14		All Other	\$251	\$335
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16		OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$251</u>	<u>\$335</u>
17		AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND		
18		FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF		
19		DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
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21		GENERAL FUND	\$42,140	\$22,960
22		OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$251	\$335
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24		DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$42,391</u>	<u>\$23,295</u>
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SUMMARY

This amendment strikes language from the bill that allows a municipality to regulate by ordinance the direct producer-to-customer exchange of all food grown, harvested, prepared, processed or produced in the municipality. It also clarifies the intent of the bill by requiring the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to use existing programs and resources in carrying out the provisions of the bill. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1291

LR 1769(02)

An Act To Promote Food Self-sufficiency for the People of the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$42,140	\$22,960	\$23,806	\$24,686
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$42,140	\$22,960	\$23,806	\$24,686
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$251	\$335	\$335	\$335

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to maintain an agricultural jobs network linking farms and facilities processing agricultural products grown in the State with available workers. This bill requires ACF to conduct an educational marketing campaign to promote food self-sufficiency and engage in the use of social media, radio advertising, posters, brochures and publicly accessible department websites. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 to conduct a statewide radio campaign, create posters and brochures and provide funds for website costs and General Fund appropriations of \$17,140 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$22,960 in fiscal year 2016-17 for one part-time Planning and Research Assistant position to assist the project, as well as communicate and educate constituents.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, the Maine Community College System, the Department of Labor, the Department of Education and the Department of Economic and Community Development to implement the requirements of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.