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An Act To Correct a Technical Error Pertaining to the Dairy Improvement Fund

(EMERGENCY)

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis. (GOVERNOR'S BILL) Cosponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 2910-B and Title 10, section
 1023-P establish the Dairy Improvement Fund to provide loans to assist dairy farmers in
 making capital improvements to maintain and enhance the viability of their farms; and
- 6 **Whereas,** a technical error during the initial creation of the fund resulted in a failure 7 to provide for a base allocation of funds to the Finance Authority of Maine for the 8 provision of loans and to pay the costs of administering the fund; and
- 9 Whereas, this allocation of funds is necessary to begin operation of the loan 10 program immediately; and
- 11 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 12 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 13 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 14 therefore,
- 15 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and
 allocations are made.

18 **FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

19 Dairy Improvement Fund Z143

Initiative: Provides a base allocation to authorize expenditures of funds received by the
 Finance Authority of Maine to provide loans to assist dairy farmers in making capital
 improvements and to pay the administrative costs of administering the fund.

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24	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
25	All Other	\$0	\$500
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27	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$500

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
 legislation takes effect when approved.

- 30 SUMMARY
- This bill establishes a base allocation of funds to the Finance Authority of Maine forthe operation of the Dairy Improvement Fund.