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**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 955, L.D. 1299, "An Act To Permit  
Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency is Declared"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 9 in the last line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by  
inserting after the following: "charge." the following: 'The Commissioner of Agriculture,  
Conservation and Forestry shall adopt rules to prescribe the manner in which the funds  
distributed under this subsection must be disbursed. The commissioner may leverage funds  
distributed under this subsection to match any relevant federal funding available for  
qualifying food programs in the State. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine  
technical rules as described in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
to adopt rules to prescribe the manner in which the emergency funding for nonprofit entities  
must be disbursed and authorizes the commissioner to leverage emergency funding for  
nonprofit entities to match any relevant federal funding available for qualifying food  
programs in the State.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1299

LR 688(02)

An Act To Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency is Declared

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-252)  
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - Maine Budget Stabilization Fund  
Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill authorizes the Governor to distribute up to \$400,000 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund during a state of emergency to certain nonprofit entities, which will reduce the balance of the Fund. The exact amount by fiscal year cannot be determined at this time and will depend on when and if a state of emergency occurs and on how much funding is authorized by the Governor. Any additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to conduct rulemaking regarding the manner in which the funding will be disbursed are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.