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L D 289  
(Filing No H- 324)

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 187, L D 289, "An Act to Require the State to Purchase Farms Contaminated with Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following  
'An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Advisory Committee on the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following.

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§2-I, as enacted by PL 2021, c 635, Pt XX, §1, is amended to read

**2-I.**

Agriculture	Advisory Committee on the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination	<u>Expenses and</u> <u>Legislative Per Diem</u> <u>and Expenses for</u> <u>Legislators/Expenses</u> <u>Only for Other</u> <u>Members</u>	7 MRSA §320-L
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Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §320-L, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c 635, Pt XX, §2, is amended to read

The Advisory Committee on the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination is established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 2-I to make recommendations to the department regarding administration of the fund and to report to the Legislature. In order to develop recommendations for the department, the advisory committee may form working groups that include and seek input from subject matter experts from the public and private sectors to deliberate issues relating to the purposes of the fund as described in section 320-K, subsection 4, including, but not limited to, health monitoring, short-term

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1 financial aid for farmers, research priorities, solar siting, long-term environmental  
2 monitoring and land acquisition

3 **Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §320-L, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2021, c 635, Pt XX, §2, is  
4 amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read

5 The 7 members of the public appointed by the commissioner serve on the advisory  
6 committee for terms of 3 years Members may be appointed for consecutive terms  
7 Members who are Legislators are appointed for the duration of the legislative terms of  
8 office for which they were appointed, except that at the end of the term, members who are  
9 Legislators continue to serve until a successor is appointed

10 **Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §320-L, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2021, c 635, Pt XX, §2, is  
11 amended to read

12 **3. Reports Proceedings of the advisory committee.** The advisory committee shall  
13 hold at least 2 public hearings annually to seek input from the public on efforts to meet the  
14 purposes of the fund All proceedings of the advisory committee are public proceedings  
15 within the meaning of Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1 Notwithstanding Title 1, section  
16 403, subsection 6, all records of proceedings of the advisory committee are public and  
17 subject to the requirements of Title 1, section 403, subsection 2 ~~The advisory committee~~  
18 ~~shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over~~  
19 ~~agricultural matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction~~  
20 ~~over environmental matters annually, beginning March 1, 2023, on the input from subject~~  
21 ~~matter experts under subsection 1 and members of the public on issues relating to the~~  
22 ~~purposes and the use of the fund The joint standing committee of the Legislature having~~  
23 ~~jurisdiction over agricultural matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature~~  
24 ~~having jurisdiction over environmental matters may report out legislation related to each~~  
25 ~~annual report to the Legislature in the session when the report is received~~

26 **Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
27 allocations are made

28 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**  
29 **DACF Administration 0401**

30 Initiative Provides allocations to reimburse expenses of advisory committee members

31	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
32	Personal Services	\$2,310	\$2,310
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34	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,310</b>	<b>\$2,310</b>

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

38 **SUMMARY**

39 This amendment, which replaces the bill, provides legislative per diem for public  
40 members of the Advisory Committee on the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination The  
41 amendment provides that members who are Legislators continue to serve until a successor

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1 is appointed The amendment also removes the requirement that the advisory committee  
2 report annually to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
3 agricultural matters and environmental matters on activities of the advisory committee and  
4 issues relating to the purposes and the use of the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 289

LR 1088(02)

## An Act to Require the State to Purchase Farms Contaminated with Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-324)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$2,310	\$2,310	\$2,310	\$2,310

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing allocations of \$2,310 beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for expenditures related to compensating members of the Advisory Committee on the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination at the legislative per diem rate