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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 136,  
L D 315, "An Act to Provide Funding for Drought Relief and Other Programs Benefiting  
Maine Farmers"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following

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

**'An Act to Provide Funding for Programs Benefiting Maine Farmers'**

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first instructional paragraph

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the emergency preamble

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following

**'Sec. 1. Contracted services regarding water withdrawal permitting process.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, of the funds transferred to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in Public Law 2023, chapter 17, Part G, \$35,000 must be used for contracted services to review and overhaul the current water withdrawal permitting process

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

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF  
Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236**

Initiative Establishes one limited-period Environmental Specialist II position and provides funding for related All Other costs This position ends June 7, 2025

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$88,400
All Other	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$91,900

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the emergency clause

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

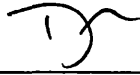
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 136, L D 315

1 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
2 section number to read consecutively

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment requires that \$35,000 of the funds transferred to the Department of  
5 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund  
6 program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in Public Law 2023, chapter 17, Part G be  
7 used for contracted services to review and overhaul the current water withdrawal permitting  
8 process It also strikes and replaces the appropriations and allocations section and removes  
9 the emergency preamble and emergency clause

10 SPONSORED BY Rotundo   
11 (Senator ROTUNDO, M.)  
12 COUNTY: Androscoggin

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 315

LR 2064(04)

## An Act to Provide Funding for Drought Relief and Other Programs Benefiting Maine Farmers

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Rotundo of Androscoggin

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	(\$259,798)	(\$221,706)	(\$325,262)	(\$335,162)
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	(\$259,798)	(\$221,706)	(\$325,262)	(\$335,162)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment removes the ongoing General Fund appropriations and positions created for the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) and the Department of Environmental Protection. It establishes one limited-period Environmental Specialist II position in the DACF and provides a one-time appropriation of \$91,900 for the associated costs. The amendment also provides that, of the funds transferred to the DACF, Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in PL 2023, c 17, Part G, \$35,000 shall be used for contracted services to review and overhaul the current water withdrawal permitting process.