

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**131ST LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 247, L.D. 579, "An Act to Support Farmland Conservation and Transition Planning for Farmers"

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

**'An Act to Support Farmland Conservation'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §164, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Funding.** A separate nonlapsing, interest-bearing account, administered by the department, is established in the department to support public-private partnerships to carry out the purposes of the program. The account consists of money appropriated or allocated to it or received from any private or public source.

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

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF  
Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Establishes one Resource Management Coordinator position and provides funding for associated All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$113,333
All Other	\$0	\$3,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$116,833</b>

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 247, L.D. 579 (S-519)

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Initiative: Establishes one Resource Management Coordinator position and provides funding for associated All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$0	\$3,292
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,292</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$0	\$647
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$647</u>
<b>AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$120,125</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$647</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$120,772</b></u>

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, and changes the title. The amendment establishes a separate nonlapsing, interest-bearing account administered by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to support public-private partnerships to carry out the purposes of the Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Program. The account consists of money appropriated or allocated to it or received from any private or public source.

The amendment establishes and provides ongoing funding for one full-time, permanent position within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, division of agricultural resource development.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 579

LR 1437(02)

## An Act to Support Farmland Conservation and Transition Planning for Farmers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-519)  
 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>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$120,125	\$123,752	\$127,494
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$120,125	\$123,752	\$127,494
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$647	\$647	\$647

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$120,125 and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$647 beginning in fiscal year 2024-25 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) for one Resource Management Coordinator position, technology management costs and other associated costs. Additionally, the bill instructs ACF to establish a separate account within the Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Program to deposit funding specifically received to support public-private partnerships.