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STATE OF MAINE

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**PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED AT
THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST
LEGISLATURE
2003**

CHAPTER 1

H.P. 433 - L.D. 570

**An Act To Eliminate a Defunct
Account in the Department of
Agriculture, Food and Rural
Resources**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, in January 1995 the Legislature repealed statutory authority for the Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Fund; and

Whereas, the repeal legislation did not provide for the disposition of the funds remaining on account; and

Whereas, the outlook for the economy of the State and the revenue projections for State Government require prompt action; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. State funds eliminated. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall merge with the General Fund unappropriated surplus the balance remaining in the Other Special Revenue Dairy Farm Stabilization Fund within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1508.

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

Effective March 20, 2003.

CHAPTER 2

S.P. 202 - L.D. 593

**An Act To Provide Temporary
Emergency Relief to Maine Dairy
Farmers**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the producer price of milk has dropped to 20-year lows; and

Whereas, these prices jeopardize the viability of the Maine dairy industry; and

Whereas, the Maine dairy industry is essential to the State's rural economy and communities and generates business activity and preserves open space; and

Whereas, the stabilization of the dairy industry during temporary price drops constitutes a public purpose and an appropriate expenditure of state revenues; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. Transfer of funds. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer to the Maine Milk Pool as established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 3153 \$500,000 from the unallocated cash balance of the Maine Milk Commission.

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

**AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Maine Milk Pool