

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION
January 5, 2022 to May 9, 2022

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
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Augusta, Maine
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funding to achieve the purposes of the program. The fund consists of any funds received from private and public sources. The fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

4. Rules. The department shall adopt rules to implement the program. The rules must include grant eligibility requirements, grant application and award procedures and grant funding limits. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to examine ways to streamline permitting new sources of water for farmers. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall work with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission and other appropriate agencies to examine the permitting process for farmers seeking to secure permits for new sources of water for irrigation and to develop recommendations, including suggested legislation, to streamline the permitting process. No later than January 1, 2023, the department shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

Sec. 3. Transfer. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$75,000 from the reserve for tax relief fund for Maine residents established within the Office of the Treasurer of State to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2023.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for contractual services to complete rulemaking, coordinate with other state agencies on strategies to streamline the irrigation permitting process and report back on findings.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$75,000

Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund N947

Initiative: Provides allocations to establish the fund and to allow for acceptance of funding from private and public sources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$500

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$75,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$75,500

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 730

S.P. 228 - L.D. 575

An Act To Establish a Conditional Presumption of Compensability for Certain Employees in Cases of Impairment from Hypertension or Heart Disease

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

Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §328-C is enacted to read:

§328-C. Heart disease or hypertension suffered by certain employees

There is a rebuttable presumption that an employee of the State whose regular or incidental duties require the care, supervision or custody of a person confined in a prison or state correctional facility pursuant to an order of a court or as a result of an arrest and who contracts heart disease or hypertension has contracted the heart disease or hypertension in the course of employment and as a result of that employment, that sufficient notice of the heart disease or hypertension has been given and that the heart disease or hypertension was not occasioned by any willful act of that employee to cause the heart disease or hypertension, as long as the employee successfully passed a physical examination upon entry into that employment or during the time of that employment that failed to reveal any evidence of heart disease or hypertension.

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