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An Act To Correct a Technical Error Pertaining to the Dairy Improvement Fund

(EMERGENCY)

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis. (GOVERNOR'S BILL) Cosponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town.

1 2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and		
3 4 5	Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 2910-B and Title 10, section 1023-P establish the Dairy Improvement Fund to provide loans to assist dairy farmers in making capital improvements to maintain and enhance the viability of their farms; and		
6 7 8	Whereas, a technical error during the initial creation of the fund resulted in a failure to provide for a base allocation of funds to the Finance Authority of Maine for the provision of loans and to pay the costs of administering the fund; and		
9 10	Whereas, this allocation of funds is necessary to begin operation of the loan program immediately; and		
11 12 13 14	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,		
15	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:		
16 17	Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.		
18	FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE		
19	Dairy Improvement Fund Z143		
20 21 22 23	Initiative: Provides a base allocation to authorize expenditures of funds received by the Finance Authority of Maine to provide loans to assist dairy farmers in making capital improvements and to pay the administrative costs of administering the fund.		
24 25	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS All Other	2017-18 \$0	2018-19 \$500
26 27	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$500
28 29	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency legislation takes effect when approved.	cited in the prea	amble, this
30	SUMMARY		
31 32	This bill establishes a base allocation of funds to the Finance Authority of Maine for the operation of the Dairy Improvement Fund.		