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**HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 446, L.D. 1077, “An Act to Fund Consultation Services to Ensure Affordable Health Care for Maine Residents”

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

**'An Act to Fund Consultation Services to Ensure Affordable Health Care for Maine Residents and to Provide Targeted Outreach to Ensure Affordable Health Care for Maine Farmers'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4326, sub-§2, ¶D-1** is enacted to read:

D-1. Assisting consumers who are farmers with obtaining health insurance coverage by providing targeted outreach, information, referrals and other assistance;

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

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to the Office of the Attorney General to contract with a designated nonprofit, independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4326.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment provides  
5 ongoing funding to the Attorney General to contract with a nonprofit, independent health  
6 insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance Consumer  
7 Assistance Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4326.  
8 The amendment also requires the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program to  
9 provide targeted outreach and health insurance assistance to Maine farmers.

10 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

11 **(See attached)**