

Amendment to SB 10-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the milk producers emergency relief fund
4 established in RSA 184:107 the sum of \$2 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, which
5 shall be expended not later than April 15, 2017, to bovine milk producers licensed by the state of
6 New Hampshire for relief from the 2016 drought under RSA 184:110-a.

7 2 New Section; Milk Producers Emergency Relief Fund; 2016 Drought Relief. Amend RSA 184
8 by inserting after section 110 the following new section:

9 184:110-a 2016 Drought Relief.

10 I. The milk producers emergency relief fund shall be used to pay bovine milk producers
11 licensed by the state of New Hampshire for relief from the 2016 drought.

12 II. Each bovine milk producer shall receive a share of \$2 million dollars appropriated for
13 such purpose in proportion to the drought-caused decline in his or her home grown production of
14 feed and/or increase in cost of his or her purchased forage feed, less in each case any drought-
15 related payments received from the federal government.

16 III. The distribution of the funds appropriated in paragraph I shall be administered by the
17 milk producers emergency relief fund board established in RSA 184:109 who in so doing shall be
18 exempt from the provisions of RSA 541-A.

19 IV. A bovine milk producer who receives drought-relief payments under this section shall
20 repay such amounts to be deposited in the general fund of the state of New Hampshire if the farmer
21 ceases to be a bovine milk producer before December 31, 2022.

22 3 New Paragraph; Milk Producers Emergency Fund Board; Duties. Amend RSA 184:110 by
23 inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

24 VI. Administering money for relief from the 2016 drought in accordance with RSA 184:110-
25 a.

26 4 Milk Producers Emergency Fund Board; Membership. Amend RSA 184:109, I(a) to read as
27 follows:

28 (a) The commissioner, *or designee*.

29 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates a program to repay licensed milk producers from losses they may have incurred during the 2016 drought.

This bill also allows the commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food to appoint a designee to serve on the Milk Producers Emergency Fund Board.