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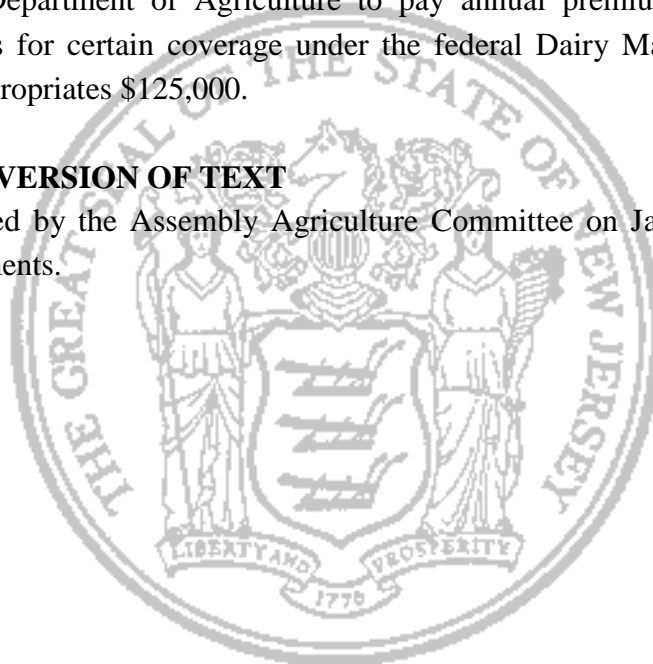
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SYNOPSIS

Directs Department of Agriculture to pay annual premiums to enrolled dairy farmers for certain coverage under the federal Dairy Margin Coverage Program; appropriates \$125,000.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Agriculture Committee on January 3, 2022, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/10/2022)

1 AN ACT concerning reimbursement of certain premiums to dairy
 2 farmers ¹**[and]** ¹ supplementing Title 4 of the Revised Statutes
 3 ¹, and making an appropriation¹.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
 6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. a. The Department of Agriculture shall disburse annually to
 9 each enrolled dairy farmer in the State the amount of the annual
 10 premium paid by the enrolled dairy farmer for coverage under the
 11 federal Dairy Margin Coverage Program ¹up to the amount of the
 12 premium for coverage for the first 5,000,000 pounds of annual milk
 13 production per farm, the first tier of coverage under the program¹. The
 14 department, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968,
 15 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations
 16 establishing procedures for the disbursement of funds to reimburse
 17 each enrolled dairy farmer in the State the amount the enrolled dairy
 18 farmer has paid for the annual premium for ¹coverage authorized
 19 pursuant to this subsection under¹ the federal Dairy Margin Coverage
 20 Program.

21 b. The Department of Agriculture shall include in its annual
 22 budget request to the Governor an amount equal to the moneys
 23 necessary to pay the annual premiums for ¹the coverage authorized
 24 pursuant to subsection a. of this section under¹ the federal Dairy
 25 Margin Coverage Program for all enrolled dairy farmers in the State.
 26 The Legislature shall appropriate the necessary funds to the
 27 department for this purpose.

28 c. As used in this section:

29 “Department” means the Department of Agriculture.

30 “Enrolled dairy farmer” means a dairy farmer enrolled in the
 31 federal Dairy Margin Coverage Program.

32 “Federal Dairy Margin Coverage Program” means the federal
 33 Dairy Margin Coverage Program that replaced the former federal
 34 Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers pursuant to the federal
 35 Agricultural Act of 2018.
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37 ¹2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
 38 Department of Agriculture a sum in the amount of \$125,000 to provide
 39 for the reimbursements authorized pursuant to section 1 of this act.¹
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41 ¹**[2.] 3.¹** This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AAN committee amendments adopted January 3, 2022.