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2 Representative Durfee of Shaftsbury moves that the bill be amended in Sec.  
3 B.1101, by striking out subdivision (g)(6) in its entirety and inserting in lieu  
4 thereof a new subdivision (g)(6) to read:

5 (6) In fiscal year 2024, \$8,850,000 is appropriated to the Agency of  
6 Agriculture, Food and Markets to fund Agriculture Development Grants for  
7 Meat, Produce and Maple processing. The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and  
8 Markets shall determine that there are significant interests in establishing  
9 certain parameters in the grant program before making an award. Grants  
10 should be awarded to farmers, processors, and businesses, which shall not  
11 include hydroponic operations. Furthermore, the Secretary shall not allocate  
12 more than 25 percent of grant funds toward the maple industry.