OVERVIEW: Sec. 12.2 of S.L. 2017-57 provides $250,000 in additional funding to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS). DACS may spend the funds to participate in ongoing litigation challenging the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Waters of the United States rule issued in 2015. The provision also authorizes DACS to employ and supervise private counsel if it elects to participate in the litigation.

This section became effective July 1, 2017.