



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 418(09)

An Act To Legalize the Sale, Possession and Use of Fireworks

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-582)

S "A" (S-326) to C "A" (H-582)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$23,714	(\$2,642)	\$16,485	\$18,184
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$52,808	\$116,061	\$137,562	\$141,682
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$50,000	\$40,000	\$22,500	\$22,500
Revenue				
General Fund	\$29,094	\$118,703	\$121,077	\$123,498
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$51,531	\$46,248	\$28,872	\$29,000

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

- Eliminates Class B, C, D and E crimes.
- Establishes new Class D crimes and civil violations.
- Insignificant impact on General Fund fine revenue.
- The collection of additional fines may also increase Other Special Revenue Funds revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill removes the prohibition on the sale and use of consumer fireworks subject to certain restrictions, increasing General Fund revenue and increasing revenue sharing as a result of the additional sales tax collections. Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Department of Public Safety from the issuance of licenses to sell consumer fireworks is estimated to be \$50,000 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$40,000 in fiscal year 2012-13. This estimate assumes issuance of 10 licenses in fiscal year 2011-12 and 5 licenses and 10 renewals in fiscal year 2012-13. The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation in the amount of this estimated revenue for one Public Safety Inspector II position, one Office Associate II position and related costs to the Department of Public Safety to inspect entities licensed to sell consumer fireworks. Since the estimated revenue from licenses does not cover the cost of the positions and related costs, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Public Safety of \$52,808 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$116,061 in fiscal year 2012-13.