



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1399

LR 2006(02)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission Relative to the Maine Criminal Code and Related Statutes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$5,710	\$7,614	\$7,614	\$7,614
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$5,710	\$7,614	\$7,614	\$7,614

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The provision expanding harassment by telephone to include harassment by electronic device will increase the number of Class E offenses. The above estimate of fiscal impact does not reflect the costs to the State Board of Corrections. The Department of Corrections has not estimated the number of convictions that will result. The average cost for one Class E crime is \$3,132 based on an average length of stay of 27 days. The total cost will depend on the actual number and terms of sentences. This estimate does reflect the cost to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services, which is estimated to be \$5,710 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$7,614 in fiscal year 2012-13 based on an average annual increase of 23.5 cases, a 50% increase over the current number of vouchers for harassment by telephone.