



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1723

LR 2541(05)

An Act To Improve Enforcement of Marine Resources Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-672)

H "A" (H-680) to C "A" (H-672)

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note

Current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

- Reduces the number of certain Class D crimes.
- Increases the number of civil violations.
- Lowers the maximum fine related to certain civil violations.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill creates four new categories of elver licenses for residents with crew and nonresidents with crew at fees of \$305 and \$1326 respectively. \$200 of each license fee, as well as penalties assessed on those unlawfully purchasing, selling or fishing elvers, will be credited to the Eel and Elver Management Fund. The bill includes a \$500 base allocation, beginning in fiscal year 2014-15, to establish the Marine Science, Management and Enforcement Fund within the Department of Marine Resources to be used for scientific research, management or other marine resources enforcement. This new fund will receive any money gained through the sale of any marine organism seized prior to being libeled.