

**127th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 937****LR 1026(02)****An Act Regarding Residential Drinking Water Arsenic Testing**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$12,933	\$1,333	\$1,333	\$1,333
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$15,400	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$933)	(\$1,333)	(\$1,333)	(\$1,333)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$15,351	\$21,930	\$21,930	\$21,930

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill creates a new program account, the Maine Home Repair Program, in the State's financial accounting system to accept funds received from the 3% surcharge on the retail sale of certain water filters to be used for the Maine State Housing Authority's (MSHA) home repair program. The bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$15,400 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$22,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Maine Home Repair Program within MSHA based on revenue projections developed by Maine Revenue Services. This fiscal note assumes an effective date of October 1, 2015.

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$12,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Bureau of Revenue Services for programming changes to allow retailers to separately report the water filter surcharge. General Fund revenues are anticipated to be reduced by \$933 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$1,333 in fiscal year 2016-17 for a drop in demand of water filters because of the new surcharge. Local Government Funds revenue would be reduced by \$49 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$70 in fiscal year 2016-17.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt the changes in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.