



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 1698(02)

An Act To Amend Maine's Genetically Modified Food Products Labeling Law

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Contingent future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Under current law, PL 2013, c. 436 requires that if at least five contiguous states, including Maine, adopt legislation requiring mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food by January 1, 2018, then food offered for retail sale that is genetically engineered requires disclosure. Currently, five contiguous states have not adopted this type of legislation and PL 2013, c. 436 will be repealed on January 1, 2018 if this does not change. This bill extends the repeal date to January 1, 2022, resulting in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry incurring annual General Fund costs of \$156,915 for one Consumer Protection Inspector position, one Office Associate II position and other related costs if at least five contiguous states adopt this type of legislation before January 1, 2022.