



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1453

LR 1703(02)

## An Act To Regulate Hydraulic Fracturing To Prevent Threats to Maine's Drinking Water

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Environment and Natural Resources**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would prohibit hydraulic fracturing and the transportation of hydraulic fracturing by-products, wastewater and waste products in the State. The Department of Environmental Protection has indicated that current statutes regarding well injection, discharge of pollutants and groundwater protection regulations would all have the cumulative effect of preventing the granting of a permit to perform hydraulic fracturing activities in the State. Any additional costs to the department to coordinate the enforcement of the currently existing statutes with regard to hydraulic fracturing are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.