



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1683

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## An Act To Amend the Registered Maine Guide Background Check Requirement

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Current biennium revenue increase - General Fund

Future biennium revenue decrease - General Fund

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class E crimes; the collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill extends the term of a guide license from 3 years to 5 years and increases the license fee to compensate for lost revenue from less frequent renewal. In the first 3 years after implementation, all existing licenses will expire and be renewed at the higher fee and General Fund revenue will be increased. In the fourth and fifth years (future biennium) after implementation there will be no licenses renewed at all, eliminating all renewal revenue credited to the General Fund in those two years. Over the entire 5 year period, there will be no net impact to revenue. This phase-in effect will occur in subsequent 5-year periods but will be diminished over time as new guides are added and old ones are removed and renewals randomly become more evenly distributed.

Any additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a result of changes to its authority to revoke a guide license under certain circumstances will be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.