



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Extend the Term of Guide Licenses

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (S-396)**

**S "A" (S-515) to C "A" (S-396)**

**Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

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### Fiscal Note

Current biennium revenue increase - General Fund

Future biennium revenue decrease - General Fund

#### 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.