



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Rule-making Authority To Establish a Bear Season Framework and Bag Limits

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$80,750	\$80,750
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$80,750)	(\$80,750)

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional fine and/or fee revenue will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill allows the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) to establish bear hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits through rulemaking and reduces the fee charged for a resident bear hunting permit from \$27 to \$10. The fee reduction will result in an annual reduction of General Fund revenue of \$80,750 starting in fiscal year 2021-22. Any additional costs to IFW as a result of the rulemaking process for bear hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.