



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1514

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An Act To Improve Enforcement in the Elver Fishery

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. McCreight of Harpswell

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill makes changes to rules related to the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) enforcement authority over the elvers fishery by clarifying requirements related to use of the swipe card system, the seizure of illegal elvers, use of the libel system after seizure and the penalties for failing to comply with DMR regulations. The bill also allows the DMR to require inspections of elvers prior to export out of the State and to charge a fee of \$500 per inspection. The DMR estimates that there are approximately 60 export events per season and that the inspections will start in fiscal year 2019-20. The export inspections will generate \$30,000 in Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Eel and Elver Management Fund. The DMR will require annual allocations of \$30,000 beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 to allow expenditure of the additional revenue collected.