

131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Require Major Substantive Rulemaking for the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " " Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings) General Fund	\$3,292	\$3,292	\$3,292	\$3,292
Appropriations/Allocations General Fund Other Special Revenue Funds	\$3,292 \$29,924	\$3,292 \$31,251	\$3,292 \$32,794	\$3,292 \$33,860

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill codifies in statute the companion animal sterilization program, which is currently established in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) rules. The bill adds personnel costs to the allowable expenditures of the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund, an Other Special Revenue Funds account within the ACF. The bill includes allocations to ACF of \$29,924 beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 for one part-time Senior Planner position and associated costs to assist in managing the companion animal sterilization program with a third-party administrator. The bill also includes General Fund appropriations of \$3,292 to ACF beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 for technology management costs related to the position.