



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Extend the Funding Period for Landfill Closure Costs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Current law requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to pay 75% of the costs incurred before December 31, 2015 of closing municipal landfills that meet certain criteria. This bill extends that deadline to December 31, 2025. The DEP has indicated that there are at least two active landfills that are contemplating closure due to groundwater contamination indicators and that it would incur costs totaling \$400,000 to \$800,000 to close them. All costs to DEP will be funded by the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund within DEP. The fund has sufficient resources to absorb these costs from a \$2 per ton fee on construction and demolition debris and residue.