



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Strengthen Penalties for Abuse of General Assistance

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Brakey of Androscoggin

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Minor cost increase - General Fund  
Current biennium revenue increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring reimbursement of general assistance payments that were based on fraudulent applications may generate new revenue to the Department of Health and Human Services. The department may incur expenditures related to additional audit and administrative functions. These costs may be offset by reduced payments to individuals who do not immediately reimburse the program.