

**127th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1612****LR 2675(06)****An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans Regarding Enhancements to the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services****Fiscal Note for House Amendment " " to Committee Amendment "A"****Sponsor: Rep. Kinney of Limington****Fiscal Note Required: Yes****Fiscal Note**

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$345,516)	\$294,918	\$301,561
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$2,297,342)	\$203,096	\$205,607
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$80,546)	(\$91,822)	(\$95,954)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$1,643)	(\$1,874)	(\$1,958)
Transfers				
General Fund	\$0	(\$1,871,280)	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$1,871,280	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment deappropriates \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the Debt Service - University of Maine System program within the University of Maine System on a one-time basis due to a delay in the issuance of an estimated \$21,000,000 university revenue bond. The delay will move the debt service payments approved in Public Law 2015, Chapter 267 forward by one year and will end in fiscal year 2025-26. It also transfers the \$2,500,000 to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine National Guard Postsecondary Fund to increase access to postsecondary education for National Guard members.

The amendment transfers \$628,720 from the Gambling Control Board administrative expenses, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Public Safety to the General Fund unappropriated surplus in fiscal year 2016-17. This account has sufficient resources to accommodate this transfer.

The amendment adds a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for one Veterans Service Officer position and related costs.

This bill provides a sales tax exemption to all federally-chartered veterans' service organizations. It would result in a loss of General Fund revenue of \$80,546 in fiscal year 2016-17 and a loss to the Local Government Fund of \$1,643 in fiscal year 2016-17.