



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 1889**

**LR 2989(02)**

**An Act To Increase Safety for Maine Citizens by Amending the Definition of "Likelihood of Serious Harm" in the Laws Governing Mental Health and Hospitalization To Include Consideration of a Person's Potential for Future Serious Harm**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## **Fiscal Note**

### **Legislative Cost/Study**

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$1,125 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$2,125 in fiscal year 2018-19. The Legislature's budget includes approximately \$7,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$10,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 for legislative studies. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Additional costs to the Department of Public Safety and the Office of the Attorney General associated with serving on the Commission can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.