

129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1532

LR 2199(05)

An Act To Eliminate Single-use Plastic Carry-out Bags

Fiscal Note for House Amendment " " to Committee Amendment "A"
Sponsor: Rep. Stewart of Presque Isle
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds Current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment changes provisions in the bill that allowed retail establishments to retain the revenue from a 5ϕ fee charged for each reusable bag made of plastic and for each recycled paper bag used to bag products at the point of sale. Instead, revenue from the fee will accrue to the Department of Environmental Protection for distribution to conservation organizations selected through rulemaking. An estimate of the revenue generated by the fee and the amount of funding available for distribution to conservation organizations is not made at this time. However, it is expected to be significant.