



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2044

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An Act To Increase the Death Benefit for Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers, Emergency Medical Services Personnel and Corrections Officers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-762)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - Maine Budget Stabilization Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Expanding the list of those eligible for the death benefit, increasing the death benefit amount from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and indexing the benefit amount to the Consumer Price Index will reduce the balance in the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund. The exact amount by fiscal year cannot be determined at this time and will depend on the number of eligible individuals who die in the line of duty. Any additional costs to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to adopt rules to annually calculate an increase in the death benefit based on the previous year's increase in the Consumer Price Index are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.