



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 682(06)

An Act To Establish and Promote a System of Safe Disposal of Expired Marine Flares

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-539)

S "A" (S-389) to C "A" (H-539)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to establish and oversee a program for the safe collection of expired marine flares, including the designation of fire inspectors to collect expired marine flares from commercial fishermen and recreational boaters who inform the DPS of expired marine flares in need of disposal. The DPS will also engage in an educational program about the collection and disposal program and maintain a publicly accessible website. No funding for the program or for disposal and incineration capability was provided in the bill and the impact on other programs and services within the DPS cannot be determined at this time.

Any additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Environmental Protection as a result of the provisions of this bill are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.