



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1454

LR 1945(02)

An Act To Prohibit Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class C and D crimes; increases correctional and judicial costs.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional fine and/or fee revenue will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill establishes a new Class C crime for the manufacture, import, sale, or transfer of an undetectable firearm. The establishment of a Class C crime will increase correctional costs in future fiscal years. The amount to which costs increase will depend on the number of individuals convicted and is not available at this time. The current average cost of incarcerating an individual for a single year is \$55,203 in a state correctional facility. The Department of Corrections has not indicated the need for additional funding at this time and no funding is included in the bill.

The bill also establishes several Class D crimes related to untraceable firearms. The establishment of Class D crimes will increase costs for county jails where sentences for Class D crimes are served. The increase in costs will depend on the number of individuals convicted and is not available at this time.