



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Prohibit the Contamination of Clean Soils with So-called Forever Chemicals

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$1,799,500)	(\$3,599,500)	(\$3,599,500)	(\$3,599,500)
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$1,800,000)	(\$3,600,000)	(\$3,600,000)	(\$3,600,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill directs the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to prohibit the land application of sludge and sludge derived compost; prohibit the sale and distribution of sludge derived compost; not allow the issuance of new licenses for septage land application; and prohibit septage land application on fields with groundwater determined to contain PFAS in excess of established drinking water standards. The bill clarifies that upon request the DEP may require licensed dischargers of wastewater to test for PFAS and share the results. The bill repeals the \$10 per ton handling fee on septage and sludge enacted in Public Law 2021, chapter 478.

The repeal of the septage and sludge handling fee will result in Other Special Revenue Funds revenue loss of \$1,800,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$3,600,000 in fiscal year 2022-23. The bill includes deallocations to the Land Application Containment Monitoring Fund of \$1,799,500 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$3,599,500 in fiscal year 2022-23 to reflect the revenue reduction.