



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 405

LR 1220(01)

**An Act to Prevent False Reporting Leading to Evacuation, Shutdown or Lockdown**

**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Sen. Carney of Cumberland**

**Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The bill creates a Class C crime for making a false public alarm or report that causes the evacuation, shutdown or lockdown of certain establishments or generates an emergency response from any emergency services personnel. It is unclear how many additional individuals will be convicted of a Class C crime who otherwise would not have been. The current average cost of incarcerating one individual for a single year is \$55,203. No funding has been included in the bill at this time.

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

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