



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 439(01)

An Act to Enhance Certain Penalties for Possession of Firearms by Prohibited Persons

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Lyford of Penobscot

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class B and Class C crimes; increases correctional and judicial costs. The bill changes one crime from Class C to Class B and 6 crimes from Class D to Class C. The current average cost of incarcerating one individual for a single year is \$55,203.

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 associated with increasing the class of crime for the prohibited possession of a firearm by certain persons will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts.