



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Ensure Safer Communities by Increasing the Punishment for Crimes Involving Fentanyl

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Farrin of Somerset

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

Increases the penalty for trafficking fentanyl and other scheduled drugs containing a detectable amount of fentanyl from a Class B crime to a Class A crime and establishes a new Class B crime of unlawful use of an electronic communication device in furtherance of fentanyl trafficking. 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 fines will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Office of the Attorney General associated with the provisions of the bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.