



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1814

LR 986(02)

An Act to Reduce Mercury in the Environment by Phasing Out Certain Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$70,713	\$96,834	\$101,974	\$106,305
Appropriations/Allocations				
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Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new civil violations. May increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system. 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 filing fees and fines will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill prohibits the sale or distribution of certain mercury-added lamps and provides for administrative and civil penalties for violating the prohibition. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would need to hire additional staff to implement this new program, including education/outreach, enforcement, tracking and reporting. The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$70,713 to DEP beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 for one Environmental Specialist III position and associated costs.