



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2251

LR 3119(02)

An Act to Amend the Mining Excise Tax Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue decrease - General Fund
 Potential current biennium revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds
 Potential future biennium revenue increase - General Fund
 Potential future biennium revenue increase - Other Trust Funds

| | FY 2023-24 | FY 2024-25 | Projections FY 2025-26 | Projections FY 2026-27 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$157,380 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$157,380 | \$0 | \$0 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill makes changes to the mining excise tax and distribution of mining excise tax revenue and provides a sales tax exemption for products used in commercial mining. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services has indicated that the timing and magnitude of the revenue impacts of these changes are uncertain. The changes to the mining excise tax may increase revenue to the General Fund and the Mining Excise Tax Trust Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025-26, depending on how long it takes to approve new mining projects. The sales tax exemption may decrease General Fund and Local Government Fund revenue beginning in fiscal year 2024-25. This fiscal note does not reflect revenue changes to these funds.

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services in fiscal year 2024-25 for computer programming, testing and implementation costs associated with changes to the mining excise tax and the sales tax exemption.