



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 35****LR 241(02)**

## **An Act to Strengthen Local Emergency Medical Services by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate for Ambulance Services**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Health and Human Services****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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### **Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$126,545	\$69,317	\$71,854	\$73,932
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$126,545	\$69,317	\$71,854	\$73,932
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$129,481	\$5,193,485	\$5,622,890	\$5,625,016
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$2,330,814	\$2,540,190	\$2,540,190
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$0	\$70,936	\$76,852	\$76,852
<b>Revenue</b>				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$126,544	\$5,193,485	\$5,622,890	\$5,625,016
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$2,330,814	\$2,540,190	\$2,540,190
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$0	\$70,936	\$76,852	\$76,852

### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill establishes an ambulance service assessment fee and includes ongoing Other Special Revenue allocations to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) of \$2,330,814 in fiscal year 2026-27 to use revenue from the assessment to support reimbursement of emergency ambulance service providers under the MaineCare program. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations and Federal Block Grant Fund allocations are also included for the FMAP match. The bill also includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the DHHS of \$42,158 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$69,317 in fiscal year 2026-27 for one Financial Analyst position to administer the ambulance fee program and a one-time General Fund appropriation to the department of \$84,387 in fiscal year 2025-26 to contract for services related to development of intergovernmental transfer or certified public expenditure programs for governmental ambulance service providers. Federal Expenditure Fund allocations are included for the FMAP match for the position and contracted services.

Any additional costs to the Department of Public Safety from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.