



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 124**LR 43(02)****An Act to Protect the Right to Food****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

Potential future biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

State Mandates**Required Activity**

Requires municipalities to review ordinances for compliance with the Maine Vegetable Garden Protection Act.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

Insignificant statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill allows the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to lease land in parks, historic sites, nonreserved public land and public reserved land for certain uses. Some potential leases will involve certain constitutional requirements for real estate held by the state. These leases will require legislative approval and will result in additional Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the department.