

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 866****LR 743(03)****An Act to Reduce Posting of Hunting Lands by Providing Free Antlerless Deer Permits to Certain Landowners Who Keep Their Lands Open to Hunting****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$384,132	\$384,132	\$384,132	\$384,132
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$384,132)	(\$384,132)	(\$384,132)	(\$384,132)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides complimentary antlerless deer permits to landowners who meet specified criteria. This change will result in a reduction of \$384,132 in General Fund revenue beginning in fiscal year 2025-26. This estimate assumes that approximately 32,000 landowner-designated permits, currently part of the statutory allocation and distributed through the lottery system, will no longer incur the standard \$12 permit fee.