



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1281

LR 1940(01)

An Act to Address the Safety of Nurses and Improve Patient Care by Enacting the Maine Quality Care Act

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Brenner of Cumberland

Committee: Not Referred

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$95,671	\$89,123	\$91,786
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$95,671	\$89,123	\$91,786
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$309,385	\$321,853	\$331,465
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$30,938	\$32,185	\$33,146

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines and filing fees will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Health and Human Services will require General Fund appropriation of \$85,671 beginning in fiscal year 2026-27 to establish a Health Services Consultant II Position and a Public Health Nurse Supervisor Position to oversee healthcare facility compliance with the Maine Quality Care Act outlined in this bill. A Federal Expenditures Fund allocation will also be included for the federal match.

The Human Rights Commission will require a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 for staff training related to the provisions of this bill.