



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of Maine's Drug Laws Regarding Heroin, Fentanyl and Cocaine

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Haggan of Penobscot

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: No

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Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase – Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

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

The bill adds a Class A crime for trafficking in cocaine in the form of cocaine base in a quantity of 32 grams or more. It also adds a Class B crime for furnishing 2 grams or more of cocaine in the form of cocaine base. It is unclear how many additional individuals will be convicted of a Class A or B crimes who otherwise would not have been. The current average cost of incarcerating one individual for a single year is \$55,203. No funding has been included in the bill at this time.