



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1365

LR 1634(02)

An Act to Allow Consumption of Adult Use Cannabis in Locally Approved Hospitality Lounges

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$262,400	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill, effective January 1, 2028, authorizes the Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to issue an endorsement allowing licensed cannabis stores meeting certain criteria to operate a cannabis consumption lounge. The bill establishes an application fee of \$250 and an endorsement fee not to exceed \$2,500 for a cannabis consumption lounge endorsement. These fees are deposited into the Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund (AUCRCF).

The bill includes a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$12,400 to OCP in fiscal year 2026-27 for the cost of updating the licensing system to accommodate the new endorsement. The bill also includes a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 for the development and implementation of a public service campaign regarding on-premises cannabis consumption.

Application, endorsement and training fees associated with the issuance of cannabis consumption lounge endorsements and cannabis server education courses will result in increased Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Office of Cannabis Policy. Because the number of licensed cannabis stores that will seek the endorsement and meet the qualifying criteria, as well as the number of individuals required to obtain a cannabis server education certificate, cannot be determined at this time, the amount of additional revenue cannot be estimated.