



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1366

LR 2001(03)

An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of the Drug Laws Related to Cocaine Base

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-332)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Current biennium savings - General Fund

Minor savings - General Fund

Minor revenue decrease - General Fund

Minor revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

There may be some minor reduction of workload associated with the minimal number of felony cases that will no longer be filed in the court system. Reductions in the collection of fines will decrease General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

The bill eliminates the Class B crime for possession, by a person who has prior convictions for drug crimes, of cocaine in the form of cocaine base in a quantity of more than 4 grams. It also eliminates the Class A crime of importing cocaine in the form of cocaine base in a quantity of 32 grams or more. It is unclear how many fewer people will be convicted of these Class A and B crimes who otherwise would have been convicted. The current average cost of incarcerating one individual for a single year is \$55,203. No savings have been included in the bill at this time.