



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1763

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An Act to Regulate Nonwater-dependent Floating Structures on Maine's Waters

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase – Other Special Revenue Funds

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

Provisions of this bill that allow owners of nonwater-dependent floating structures existing as of January 1, 2025, to apply for a lease with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry are expected to generate additional Other Special Revenue Funds revenue for the department. However, because lease revenue is based on the square footage of the structures and it is unknown how many owners will apply, the amount of additional revenue cannot be estimated at this time.

Any additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.