



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1773

LR 1111(01)

## An Act to Criminalize Certain Offenses Related to Gift Card Thefts

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Harrington of York

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase – Other Special Revenue Funds

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The bill adds a definition for "retail merchandise", which includes, among other things, the theft of gift cards. Specifically identifying gift card theft as a theft of merchandise could result in an increase in incarcerations. The number of any potential increased incarcerations is not known. The current average cost of incarcerating one individual for a single year is \$55,203.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new felony 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.