

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1815****LR 1488(02)****An Act to Require a Blood Test for Drugs for Drivers Involved in a Motor Vehicle Accident That Results in Serious Bodily Injury or Death****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$860,224	\$221,723	\$228,843	\$235,307
Highway Fund	\$194,700	\$194,700	\$194,700	\$194,700
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$860,224	\$221,723	\$228,843	\$235,307
Highway Fund	\$194,700	\$194,700	\$194,700	\$194,700
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$144,936	\$151,245	\$156,103	\$160,512
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$144,936	\$151,245	\$156,102	\$160,511

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$212,274 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$221,723 in fiscal year 2026-27 for 3 Chemist II positions for required blood testing for drugs and alcohol and related responsibilities in connection with motor vehicle accidents where there is probable cause to believe the accident will result in death or serious bodily injury. The bill also includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the department of \$647,750 in fiscal year 2025-26 to purchase necessary laboratory testing equipment. Other Special Revenue Funds allocations are included for laboratory fee revenue.

The bill includes ongoing annual Highway Fund allocations to the Department of Public Safety of \$194,700 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 for lab fees for blood tests in motor vehicle accidents where there is probable cause to believe the accident will result in death or serious bodily injury.