



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1820**LR 1914(02)****An Act to Simplify Regulation of the Adult Use Cannabis Industry****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
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$368,790	\$745,852	\$409,925	\$424,347
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$368,790	\$745,852	\$409,925	\$424,347
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$170,595)	(\$170,595)	(\$170,595)	(\$170,595)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill authorizes the tracking of delivery sales and specified event sales through the State's cannabis inventory tracking system, repeals the requirement that licensees obtain individual identification cards, clarifies inspection authority, and requires the Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) to develop a generic transport manifest for delivery transactions.

The elimination of the individual identification card requirement will result in approximately \$170,595 in annual revenue loss to OCP from Other Special Revenue Funds due to the loss of application fees. This estimate reflects historical program revenue.

OCP has indicated that a significant portion of the statutorily required vetting of licensee principals currently takes place during the individual identification card application process. Eliminating the ID card requirement would shift this vetting responsibility to the license application review process, which is subject to statutory approval timelines. OCP has stated that completing the additional reviews associated with this shift within the required timeframes would require additional staff. The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$368,790 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 for one Chief Licensing Investigator position and two Licensing Analyst positions and associated position costs.

The bill also includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$350,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 for the system modifications related to the development of a generic transport manifest and integration of third-party point-of-sale systems. The estimate assumes these changes can be implemented within the existing tracking platform, contingent on vendor cooperation.

The bill also includes one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to authorize the expenditure of funds from the Adult-Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety and Municipal Opt-In Fund to provide training to law enforcement officers regarding the changes to security and manifest requirements for sales made by delivery and sales made at specified events.

Finally, OCP has noted that the elimination of video recordings of sales made at specified events outside the licensed premises of adult-use cannabis stores will require OCP compliance staff to attend these specified events in person to assess compliance. Because some of these events are expected to occur outside of typical business hours, OCP may require additional compliance staff to determine licensee compliance at these events. The number of qualifying events is not yet known, but if a significant number of events do occur, OCP estimates the need for additional staffing in the form of one Field Investigator Supervisor and four OCP Compliance Inspector positions, along with associated costs.