



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1840

LR 989(05)

An Act to Amend the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-374)

S "A" (S-398) to C "A" (S-374)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill expands the authorized venues where caregivers may sell or transfer medical cannabis to include trade shows and other industry related events. The bill also requires annual reporting to include data on gross sales and sales tax revenue from medical cannabis.

The Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services has indicated that the bill's provisions allowing sales and transfers of cannabis at trade shows and other industry-related events may require compliance staff to attend such events in person to assess regulatory compliance. Because some of these events may occur outside normal business hours, OCP anticipates a need for additional staffing to support after-hours enforcement. Although the number of qualifying events is currently unknown, if a significant number do occur, the agency has indicated it would require additional allocations to fund one Field Investigator Supervisor, four Compliance Inspectors, and associated costs.