

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1855****LR 950(02)****An Act to Impose an Excise Tax on Spirits-based Cocktails Containing No More than 12 Percent Alcohol****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	\$258,580	\$300,700	\$300,700	\$300,700
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$258,580)	(\$300,700)	(\$300,700)	(\$300,700)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill repeals the 30¢ per gallon excise tax currently imposed on manufacturers of low-alcohol spirits products when those products are sold to wholesaler licensees. The Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations estimates that eliminating this tax will reduce General Fund revenue by approximately \$258,580 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$300,700 in fiscal year 2026-27. These projections are based on tax collections from low-alcohol spirits product sales in fiscal year 2023-24.