



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 322

LR 269(03)

An Act To Amend the Informed Growth Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-108)

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note

Elimination of Funded State Mandate

Minor savings - General Fund

Minor revenue decrease - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

May decrease the number of civil suits and civil violations.

Any reduction in fines and filing fees will decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill makes changes to the Informed Growth Act (IGA). It provides that the IGA does not apply to a municipality unless it adopts a local ordinance which incorporates the IGA by reference. This relieves municipalities of the mandated requirement in current law to prepare comprehensive economic impact studies, review related applications, conduct public hearings on impact studies and issue permits for large scale retail developments. The bill removes certain administrative burdens from the State Planning Office, which is no longer required to act as a conduit for funds to municipalities for the application fees paid by prospective developers for large scale retail development permits. Any savings from removing these administrative duties are expected to be minor. The bill also allows municipalities to set their own fee levels for applications for permits to be issued pursuant to the IGA.