



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1699

LR 2575(01)

An Act To Create Excise Tax Equity and Consistency for Buses

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Knapp of Gorham

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
Highway Fund	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Revenue				
Highway Fund	\$0	(\$30,000)	(\$30,000)	(\$30,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation provides that the excise tax on a bus manufactured in 2006 and after is based upon the purchase price rather than the list price and that municipalities may be reimbursed through the Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement Fund for these buses. The Department of Secretary of State will require an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$30,000 beginning in fiscal year 2012-13 for additional payments to municipalities. Under current statute, the amount remaining in the Fund at the end of the year is transferred to the Highway Fund. Since payments deposited into the Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement Fund through the International Registration Plan will not change under this legislation, but the reimbursement to municipalities will increase, the amount transferred to the Highway Fund will decrease by \$30,000 beginning in fiscal year 2012-13.