



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 901

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An Act To Modify the Mining Excise Tax

**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Rep. Chapman of Brooksville**

**Committee: Taxation**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Potential future biennium revenue increase - General Fund

### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

As there is not an active mine in Maine currently, the bill's proposed \$1 per gallon surtax on contaminated groundwater and surface water resulting from mining activities is not expected to generate any revenue in the foreseeable future. It is difficult to predict when a mine might open and if it will contaminate water as a result of its mining activities. Assuming measurement and reporting requirements are the responsibility of the mining company, any administrative costs incurred by Maine Revenue Services related to implementing the surtax can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.