



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Prohibit the Use of Dogs, Bait or Traps When Hunting Bears Except under Certain Circumstances

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Initiated Bill

Committee: Not Referred

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Minor cost increase - General Fund
No net revenue impact - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class E crimes.

The number of new charges filed is expected to be insignificant.

The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This citizen initiative proposes to prohibit the use of dogs to hunt or pursue bear, the use of bait to hunt or attract bear and the setting of traps to hunt bear. Although these provisions may initially decrease certain license sales to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, hunters currently using the methods prohibited here may choose to purchase licenses to hunt without these methods, mitigating any revenue loss from license sales. In addition, minor fine revenue from violations of the provisions would further offset any remaining decline in license sales. Overall no significant impact to General Fund revenue is anticipated.