



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Provide a Tax Credit to Maine Residents for Turnpike Tolls

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$8,400,000	\$8,360,000	\$8,360,000	\$8,360,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$8,360,000)	(\$8,360,000)	(\$8,360,000)	(\$8,360,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$440,000)	(\$440,000)	(\$440,000)	(\$440,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation creates an income tax credit for all users of the Maine Turnpike of up to \$100. General Fund and Local Government Fund revenues are expected to decrease beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 by \$8,360,000 and \$440,000, respectively. This analysis assumes all volume discount and business turnpike users with a Maine address would be eligible for the full credit and other users with a Maine address would be eligible for an average \$60 credit. It also assumes 25% of the people eligible for the credit will not take advantage of it for various reasons.

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services of \$40,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 for computer programming and administrative costs to accommodate the tax credit on the income tax returns.

If the Maine Turnpike Authority experienced a significant increase in cash paying users requesting receipts, it may incur significant costs to add toll collectors and additional cash lanes.