



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 848

LR 1943(03)

## An Act To Support Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-448)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

Potential current biennium cost increase - All Funds

#### State Mandates

##### Required Activity

Shifting the burden of proof that a law enforcement officer, firefighter or emergency medical services worker diagnosed as having post-traumatic stress disorder by a psychiatrist or psychologist developed that condition as a result of work stress from the claimant to the employer and/or the employer's insurer may represent a modification or expansion of a municipal and/or county activity.

##### Unit Affected

Municipality  
County

##### Local Cost

Significant  
statewide

Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional costs.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation will result in additional costs to the State as a direct reimbursement employer and to the Department of Public Safety associated with increased payments of workers' compensation benefits and legal and administrative expenses. The impact will depend on actual experience.

This legislation will also increase costs to local governments in the form of both higher premiums for workers' compensation insurance and increased legal and administrative costs. The impact to individual units of government will depend on actual experience.