



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 901

LR 1446(02)

## **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Determination of a Wind Energy Development's Effect on the Scenic Character of Maine's Special Places**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Environment and Natural Resources**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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### **Fiscal Note**

Current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Any additional costs to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) from requiring a visual impact assessment (VIA) from an expedited wind energy development located within 8 miles of a scenic resource of state or national significance are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. The requirement that any rules enacted with regard to expedited wind permitting be defined as major substantive rules will increase DEP rulemaking costs.