



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1137

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## An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Gerrish of Lebanon

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: No

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Minor fiscal impact - General Fund

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Eliminates Class E crimes.

A reduction in fines will decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing the use of a crossbow during the archery-only deer season could result in an increase in the number of crossbow permits and archery-only deer hunting permits issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW). The removal of the additional license requirements to receive a crossbow permit could decrease the number of hunting, archery and apprenticeship licenses issued. Allowing a person 65 years of age or older to hunt wild birds and animals with a crossbow during certain hunting seasons could result in an increase in the number of crossbow permits issued by IFW. It is anticipated that the combined impact of these changes will result in minor increase in General Fund revenue. Any additional costs to the IFW as a result of these changes are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within budgeted resources.