



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 533

LR 1667(01)

An Act To Eliminate the Statutory Duty To Retreat and Affirm the Right of Self-defense

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Andrews of Paris

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill removes the requirement that a person retreat if it is safe to do so and also permits the use of deadly force to prevent death or serious bodily injury in certain situations. To the extent that over time these changes lead to fewer individuals being incarcerated, the Department of Corrections will see a reduction in costs. The number of cases affected by these changes is not expected to be significant.