



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1415

LR 1078(02)

## An Act To Improve the Laws Regarding Discontinued and Abandoned Roads

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**  
**Committee: State and Local Government**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

### Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

<b>Required Activity</b>	<b>Unit Affected</b>	<b>Local Cost</b>
When abandoning a public way, municipalities and counties must notify all affected property owners, hold a public hearing in certain situations and establish an appeals process.	Municipality County	Moderate statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.