



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1460

LR 206(02)

An Act To Support Collection and Proper Disposal of Unwanted Drugs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$41,607	\$90,412	\$93,022
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Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional filing fees may increase General Fund and other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes a drug take-back stewardship program requirement for household pharmaceutical waste overseen by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Manufacturers of household pharmaceuticals may choose to create individual programs, coordinate with other manufacturers or utilize a third-party administrator when developing drug take-back programs to meet the stewardship requirements. Costs related to the drug take-back stewardship programs must be paid by participating manufacturers. The bill authorizes the DEP to establish fees, paid by participants in the programs, to offset department costs related to overseeing the program requirements. DEP has indicated that additional staffing would be required and the bill includes allocations of \$41,607 in fiscal year 2020-21 to DEP for one Environmental Specialist III position and associated costs. It is anticipated that the DEP will be able to fund the increased allocation with the new fees.