



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2105

LR 2881(02)

## An Act To Protect Consumers from Surprise Emergency Medical Bills

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**  
**Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$73,905	\$62,260	\$65,643
<b>Transfers</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation (DPFR), Bureau of Insurance, to develop an independent dispute resolution process for disputes regarding surprise medical bills. It includes an ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocation in fiscal year 2020-21 of \$48,905 for one part-time position and associated all other costs and includes a one-time allocation in fiscal year 2020-21 of \$25,000 for the development of software necessary for the dispute resolution process. The DPFR has sufficient resources to fund the allocations.

Additional costs to the State Employee Health Plan are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Additional costs to the Department of Public Safety associated with the Maine Emergency Medical Services' Board convening a stakeholder group and reporting the results can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.