



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Allow Crematories Using Chemical Dissolution Processes in Facilities Other Than Cemeteries

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Carney of Cumberland

Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Potential current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$54,961	\$65,178	\$68,379	\$71,772
<b>Transfers</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will require Other Special Revenue Funds allocations totaling \$54,961 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$65,178 in fiscal year 2022-23 for the costs associated with the regulation of certain crematories.

Of this amount, the Licensing and Enforcement program will require Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$52,232 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$61,831 in fiscal year 2022-23 to establish one half-time Environmental Specialist IV position and related All Other costs to manage anticipated application reviews, inspections, complaints and investigations. The Administrative Services Division will require Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$2,729 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$3,347 in fiscal year 2022-23 for technology-related costs associated with establishing the Environmental Specialist IV position. The Office of Professional and Occupational Licensing will transfer funds from its Licensing and Enforcement program (which includes funds for the Board of Funeral Services) to the Administrative Services Division to fund the allocations.

The Board of Funeral Services within the Office of Professional and Occupational Licensing has sufficient resources available to support the cost of this legislation in fiscal year 2021-22 without raising fees. Crematory and other fees may need to be increased beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 if the current fee structure does not generate sufficient revenue to cover the cost of this legislation.