



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 439

LR 113(01)

An Act to Allow Death by Suicide to Be Considered a Death While in the Line of Duty

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Salisbury of Westbrook

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium cost increase - Maine Budget Stabilization Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Current law provides death benefit payments for law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical services personnel and corrections officers who die while in the line of duty. The death benefit is \$100,000 indexed annually by the consumer price index. This bill allows consideration of whether any such individual who died by suicide has died while in the line of duty. As it cannot be predicted how many deaths by suicide may be determined to have occurred in the line of duty, no estimate of cost can be made. Funding for death benefits comes from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.