



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1639

LR 765(02)

## An Act to Address Unsafe Staffing of Nurses and Improve Patient Care

### Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Labor and Housing

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$180,247	\$185,926
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$180,247	\$185,926
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$288,729	\$297,826
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$22,753	\$22,967

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new civil violations. 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 fines and filing fees may increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

It is estimated that the Department of Health and Human Services will require General Fund appropriations of \$180,247 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$185,926 in fiscal year 2026-27 to establish 2 Health Services Consultant II positions, one Comprehensive Health Planner II position and one Senior Health Care Financial Analyst position to ensure professional staff have completed any required trainings, that the facilities have a process to ensure any statutorily required assessments are being completed while conducting surveys, to handle the process for additional penalties and for other added responsibilities, beginning July 1, 2025.

Additional costs to the Office of the Attorney General and to the Maine Human Rights Commission associated with the provisions of the Maine Quality Care Act are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.