



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act Regarding the Saltwater Recreational Fishing Registry

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)					
General Fund	\$3,800	\$6,180	\$6,365	\$6,556	\$6,753
Appropriations/Allocations					
General Fund	\$3,800	\$6,180	\$6,365	\$6,556	\$6,753
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$161,916)	(\$54,933)	(\$54,933)	\$500	\$500
Revenue					
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$188,424)	(\$729,730)	(\$936,020)	\$500	\$500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill repeals the existing striped bass endorsement registry requirement and related fees (included within PL 2009, c. 559) and requires that certain individuals engaging in saltwater recreational fishing register at no cost to the individual. Revenues recognized from the fees assessed in PL 2009, c. 559 have been reversed. Allocations included in PL 2009, c. 559 for costs associated with the registry have also been reversed. The costs reversed in 2011-12 and 2012-13 equal costs above baseline and included within the Governor's Proposed 2012-2013 Biennial Budget.

The Department of Marine Resources may charge a \$1 agent fee for persons registering with the department. It is estimated that Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Department of Marine Resources will increase by \$400 in fiscal year 2010-11 and \$500 in fiscal year 2011-12 and beyond and will cover the costs of printing registrations for persons registering at the department's office. The bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of \$3,800 in fiscal year 2010-11 and \$6,180 in fiscal year 2011-12 for computer programming and database storage fees. Since the number of items processed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will be increased by these registrations, it is possible that there could be delays in processing time. Additionally, any enforcement related to this registry would be performed by existing Marine Patrol Officers.