



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1626

LR 2468(08)

An Act To Fund Invasive Species Prevention and Control

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-692)
H "C" (H-750) to C "A" (H-692)
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Fiscal Note

Transfer from Inland Fisheries & Wildlife General Fund Carrying Account

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$46,000	\$225,400	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$46,000	\$225,400	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill increases the percentage of fees credited to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund from watercraft operation on inland waters and lake and river protection stickers from 60% to 80%, an ongoing increase of an estimated \$225,400 annually. It reduces the percentage of fees credited to the Lake and River Protection Fund from 40% to 20%, an ongoing decrease of \$225,400 annually. This bill transfers \$46,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$225,400 in fiscal year 2014-15 from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Account to the Lake and River Protection Fund to compensate for the revenue percentage decrease in those two years only. The Department of Environmental Protection is directed to use at least 20% of the money in the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund for eradication activities. The bill eliminates the January 1, 2015 start date for this Act and it now takes effect immediately.