



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Appropriate and Allocate Funds To Strengthen the State's Efforts To Investigate, Prosecute and Punish Persons Committing Drug Crimes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund  
Contingent current biennium cost increase - General Fund  
Contingent current biennium revenue increase - General Fund

#### Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-14	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a referendum to be included on the November ballot regarding legalizing and taxing marijuana. If approved by voters, and if the subsequent sales tax revenue is sufficient, that revenue would be dedicated to the enforcement and prosecution of drug crimes and to substance abuse treatment.

Additional costs to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services associated with developing the plan and reporting the results can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

If approved by the voters, legalizing and taxing the sale of marijuana would increase General Fund and Municipal Revenue Sharing revenue. The amount of increased revenue is undetermined at this time due to the lack of specifics provided in this bill. Maine Revenue Services would require a one-time General Fund appropriation to implement a new system for administering the taxation of marijuana.