

**126th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1864****LR 2914(01)****An Act To Support Nursing Facilities and Home Care for Seniors and Create a Tax Credit for Primary Care Professionals Practicing in Underserved Areas****Fiscal Note for Original Bill****Committee: Not Referred****Fiscal Note Required: Yes****Fiscal Note**

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$239,442	\$293,592
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$0	\$4,822,371	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$4,525,141	\$175,032	\$175,032
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$8,360,864	\$75,109	\$75,109
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$0	\$275,000	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$772,049	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$22,230)	(\$64,410)	(\$118,560)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$770,879	(\$3,390)	(\$6,240)
Transfers				
General Fund	\$0	\$4,547,371	\$0	\$0
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$0	(\$4,547,371)	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides one-time appropriations totaling \$5,122,158 in fiscal year 2014-15 in the Nursing Facilities program in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for increased MaineCare payments to nursing facilities and for adjustments to funding to reflect increased nursing home tax collections. The additional \$772,049 in nursing home provider taxes that would be collected as a result of the increased payments are reflected in adjustments to appropriations and allocations.

The bill includes a one-time transfer of \$4,547,371 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund by June 30, 2015, provides General Fund appropriations totaling \$175,032 in fiscal year 2014-15 to increase Department of Health and Human Services' reimbursement rates for adult day services and provides a one-time fiscal year 2014-15 Fund for a Healthy Maine allocation of \$275,000 for transitional assistance for Medicare Savings Program members.

By creating a Primary Care Access Credit for 5 certified primary care professionals practicing in underserved areas, General Fund revenue is reduced by \$22,230 in fiscal year 2014-15 and Municipal Revenue Sharing decreases by \$1,170 in fiscal year 2014-15.