



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Change the Oversight Agency for Recreational Marijuana from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations and To Allocate Funds for Implementation

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Spkr. Gideon of Freeport

Committee: Marijuana Legalization Implementation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)					
General Fund	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations					
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers					
General Fund	(\$1,600,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill replaces the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry with the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (BABLO) as the state licensing authority to regulate and control the licensing of the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing and sale of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products. It also establishes the Retail Marijuana Regulatory Coordination Fund within BABLO.

The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$1,600,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 to BABLO to establish the Retail Marijuana Regulatory Coordination Fund. It also includes a \$1,600,000 transfer from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2016-17 to the new fund. BABLO may use the fund to conduct rulemaking, enter into contracts with consultants, hire staff and implement other activities of this bill.