



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Protect Maine Lakes and Ponds from Invasive Species

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Ginzler of Bridgton

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$93,000	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$4,600
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$93,000	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$4,600
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$3,562,500	\$89,063	\$89,063	\$89,063

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new civil violations.

The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) will require General Fund appropriations of \$93,000 in fiscal year 2017-2018 and \$4,600 in fiscal year 2018-19 to create and distribute invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species stickers to passive watercraft owners. Each sticker has a \$5 fee, with \$.25 retained by the agent who sold the sticker and the remaining revenue split with 80% credited to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection and 20% credited to the Lake and River Protection Fund within the IF&W. This fiscal note assumes that in fiscal year 2017-18 750,000 passive watercraft will require stickers that were not previously required, generating \$2,850,000 to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund and \$712,500 to the Lake and River Protection Fund. In fiscal year 2018-19 the number of new craft requiring stickers is estimated to be 18,750, generating \$71,250 in revenue to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund and \$17,812 in revenue to the Lake and River Protection Fund.