



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 2283(09)

An Act To Improve Consistency within the Maine Human Rights Act

Fiscal Note for House Amendment " " to Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Bailey of Saco

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional filing fees may increase General Fund and other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment replaces the bill and various amendments but incorporates the substance of them except for striking a provision that makes it unlawful public accommodations discrimination under the Maine Human Rights Act for any public entity to discriminate on the basis of a protected class and retaining a provision of current law that the original bill struck (5 MRSA §4592, subsection 1, paragraph E). Removing these provisions does not significantly change the fiscal impact described above. Any additional costs to the Maine Human Rights Commission due to an increase in complaints filed are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.