



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act to Clarify the Criminal Statutes with Regard to Assaults on Emergency Medical Services
Persons**

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Bennett of Oxford

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class C crimes. The bill provides that, within an emergency room, it is a Class C crime of assault to intentionally, knowingly or recklessly cause bodily injury to a hospital employee or contractor. The current average cost of incarcerating one individual for a single year is \$55,203.

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

The collection of additional fine revenue will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts.