



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Improve the Law Regarding Bail Commissioners

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Gerzofsky of Cumberland

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$74,381	\$69,174	\$71,011	\$72,902
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
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#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Judicial Department will require an additional General Fund appropriation of \$74,381 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$69,174 in fiscal year 2014-15 to establish a process to collect the bail fee as a surcharge for those defendants who cannot pay the bail commissioner fee at the time bail is set. The bill does not specify the amount of the surcharge or what it is applied to. Establishing a fund to pay the bail commissioner fee for indigent defendants will increase costs to county correctional facilities. It may also reduce costs for housing defendants. The amount of the additional costs and potential savings cannot be estimated at this time.