



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 271

LR 268(03)

An Act To Facilitate the Processing of Livestock That Is Not for Resale

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Potential current biennium revenue decrease - Federal Expenditures Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Under this legislation the slaughter and processing of an amenable species would not need to be registered or inspected by the State. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's meat inspection program follows federal guidelines that allow the State to receive up to 50% of the cost of the program in federal grant money. It is likely that the federal government would determine this legislation is not within federal guidelines, meaning the State could lose all or a portion of the federal funding received for the meat inspection program. For the federal fiscal year ended 9-30-12 the State received approximately \$270,000 in federal funding for this program. However, it is unlikely that the federal government would withhold funding for this program without first giving the department a listing of corrective action needed to be taken with a timeline for completion.