



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Protect Elders and Vulnerable Adults from Exploitation

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

#### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the class of a crime from a Class D crime to a Class C crime and a Class B crime.

Establishes new Class D crimes.

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

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Increasing the class of crime for misuse of entrusted property will likely result in an increase in the length of a sentence and potentially shift the cost from the county correctional system to the state. The changes in the bill in the consent provisions to include dementia and other cognitive impairments and the addition of undue influence may also result in additional convictions. The average cost per day per prisoner is \$111.34 in a state facility and \$118.04 in a county facility.