



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 718

LR 52(11)

An Act To Protect Maine Food Consumers' Right To Know about Genetically Engineered Food

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-393)

H "B" (H-444) to C "A" (H-393)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Potential increase in the number of civil violations

Potential increase in the collection of additional fines which may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation requires disclosure of genetic engineering at the point of retail sale of food. The legislation is contingent upon enactment of legislation requiring mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food by at least five contiguous states including Maine. If that happens, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry would incur annual General Fund costs of \$128,578 for one Consumer Protection inspector position, one Office Associate II position and related administrative costs to enforce the provisions of the legislation.

The Department of the Attorney General may require additional General Fund appropriations for litigation costs. The amount cannot be estimated at this time.