



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Protect Victims of Domestic Violence by Waiving Their Filing Fees in Divorce Actions

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Lachowicz of Kennebec

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Current biennium revenue decrease - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Waiving the filing fee in a divorce action for a person who has a protection from abuse order against the defendant when the complaint is filed will reduce General Fund revenue by \$120 per filing. The total revenue loss cannot be estimated at this time because the number of divorce proceedings that involve a protection from abuse order is not known. If 10% of the total number of divorce filings meet the criteria of this bill, the General Fund revenue loss would be \$78,000 annually.