



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Increase the Maximum Gas Safety Administrative Penalty Amounts

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Hobbins of Saco

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Raising the maximum imposable administrative penalty, to be consistent with federal law, on natural gas pipeline utilities and gas utilities violating Title 35-A from \$100,000 to \$200,000 for a single violation and from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 for a related series of violations may result in a revenue increase to the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund. No estimate can be made at this time of the number of times new penalties will exceed the old maximum limits.