



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Extend the Use of Underground Storage Tanks

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Courtney of York

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Removing the requirement that underground oil storage tanks (USTs) be removed from service and properly abandoned in certain circumstances if the USTs are tested according to standards set forth in statutory law will, according to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), allow more leaks in single-walled USTs to go undetected. This may raise expenditures for related clean-up costs paid out of the Ground Water Oil Clean-up Fund. The amount of leaking that may occur and the subsequent cost of clean-up cannot be estimated at this time.