



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Clarify the Natural Resources Protection Act

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Collins of York

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Permitting landowners to seek compensation from the state for the amount of any property value losses incurred as a result of more stringent setback regulations that apply to areas containing significant vernal pool habitat may result in General Fund costs that will, according to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), potentially eclipse \$2 million in fiscal year 2011-12. This cost would be exceeded if more than 200 landowners qualify for an average of \$10,000 in compensation under the bill. Reducing setback requirements for the regulation of areas containing significant vernal pool habitat may also result in a minor reduction to DEP permit fee revenues.