



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 914

LR 451(01)

An Act To Make Certain Synthetic Cannabinoids Illegal

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Nass of Acton

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

| | FY 2011-12 | FY 2012-13 | Projections FY 2013-14 | Projections FY 2014-15 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$4,687 | \$6,242 | \$6,242 | \$6,242 |
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
| General Fund | \$4,687 | \$6,242 | \$6,242 | \$6,242 |

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class E crimes; increases correctional and judicial costs.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

| Correctional Cost Detail | FY 2012 | FY 2013 | FY 2014 | FY 2015 | FY 2016 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Class E Crime | \$3,132 | \$3,132 | \$3,132 | \$3,132 | \$3,132 |
| Total Cost - All Convictions | \$3,132 | \$3,132 | \$3,132 | \$3,132 | \$3,132 |

The additional General Fund cost of adding synthetic cannabinoids to the list of Schedule Z drugs is estimated to be \$4,687 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$6,242 in fiscal year 2012-13. This estimate assumes an annual increase of 7 indigent legal cases and one additional incarceration.