



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1679

LR 2426(03)

An Act To Conform Maine's Prescription Drug Privacy Laws with the United States Constitution

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-397)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note

Current biennium revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Minor savings - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill conforms Maine law to a recent United States Supreme Court decision addressing the confidentiality of prescription drug information related to prescribers. The bill would eliminate an annual fee of \$1,500 assessed on manufacturers of prescription drugs pursuant to 22 MRSA §1711-E(4)(C) that is collected by the Department of Health and Human Services with 80% allocated to the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO). Subsequent to the Supreme Court decision in June of 2011, the Department stopped collecting the fee. The fee was used to fund the administrative and legal costs of the program.