



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Require Labeling of All Genetically Modified Products

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$182,022	\$249,417	\$259,002
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$182,022	\$249,417	\$259,002
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$748	\$1,000	\$1,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Current law requires that if at least five contiguous states, including Maine, adopt legislation requiring mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food by January 1, 2018, then food offered for retail sale that is genetically engineered requires disclosure. This bill requires labeling in Maine by removing the requirement that five contiguous states adopt labeling. The bill also adds required disclosures for genetically engineered seed stock offered for retail sale. The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$182,022 and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$748 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for two Consumer Protection Inspector positions, one Office Associate II position and other related costs.

The Department of the Attorney General may require additional General Fund appropriations for litigation costs resulting from this bill. No estimate of this cost is made at this time.