



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 614

LR 1280(02)

An Act to Provide a Free Antlerless Deer Permit to Certain Landowners Who Allow the Public to Hunt on Their Property

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$71,628	\$71,628	\$71,628
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$71,628	\$71,628	\$71,628

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Under current law agents who collect the \$5 deer registration fee when a harvested deer is registered remit \$3 to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW) and retain \$2. Instead, this bill will require the total amount of the registration fee to be remitted to DIFW with the \$2 deposited in the Deer Management Fund (DMF). Using an estimated 35,814 registrations, which is the average number of harvested deer from 2018 through 2023, the additional \$2 will generate \$71,628 annually beginning in fiscal year 2024-25. The bill includes a corresponding allocation to allow for the expenditure of additional revenue.

This bill also removes a ratio for types of expenditures from the DMF and adds new allowable uses of the fund. The bill also directs DIFW to incorporate a check-off box to the online licensing system to allow donations for assisting with deer conflict prevention and management which will increase Other Special Revenue Funds revenue.