



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Connect Benefits Provided under the Circuitbreaker Program with the Payment of Property Taxes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$78,733	\$74,019	\$77,252	\$80,646
Appropriations/Allocations				
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State Mandates

Required Activity

Municipalities will incur administrative costs to track and process checks to circuitbreaker claimants who owe outstanding property taxes and who receive more in a circuitbreaker benefit than what is owed.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

Insignificant statewide

Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the state from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional costs.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$78,733 in FY 14 and \$74,019 in FY 15 to Maine Revenue Services for the programmatic change to the Circuitbreaker program. Costs include one Tax Examiner position to process the identified applications, computer programming activities to update application forms and related office, postage and printing expenses.