



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1600

LR 2402(04)

An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Coverage for Human Leukocyte Antigen Testing To Establish Bone Marrow Donor Transplantation Suitability

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-755)

Committee: Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the State Employee Health Insurance Program are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires States to defray the cost of mandated benefits not included in the ACA's Essential Health Benefits. The Bureau of Insurance's report on LD 1600 to the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services estimated the cost of increased coverage due to LD 1600 to be approximately \$48,000 per year. The specifics of this required State payment under the ACA to defray the costs of this mandate (i.e., how much, what program(s) and when) cannot be determined at this time.