

126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1729

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An Act To Increase the Period of Time for the Calculation of a Prior Conviction for Operating under the Influence

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with: C ''A'' (H-729) Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class B and Class C crimes; increases correctional, indigent legal and judicial costs. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill is expected to increase Class B and Class C crimes by an undetermined amount each year. The average daily cost in a regional jail is \$119.96 and the average daily cost in a State prison is \$110.76. It will also increase costs to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services by converting some first offense cases into felony cases. The incremental cost increases average \$300 per case. The total amount of General Fund appropriations required cannot be estimated at this time.