

127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 431

LR 760(03)

An Act To Strengthen the Laws Prohibiting Stalking

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with: C ''A'' (S-49) Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the class of a crime from a Class D crime to a Class C crime. Establishes new Class C and Class B crimes, increasing correctional, indigent legal and judicial costs. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Changes in sentencing will increase costs to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services by an average of \$638 per case, with new cases estimated to cost \$1,500 per case. The Department of Corrections will also experience incarceration costs. The average daily cost is \$107.71 per prisoner. The total number of individuals charged and sentenced in any fiscal year cannot be estimated at this time.