



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 512

LR 749(03)

## An Act To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission Relative to the Maine Criminal Code

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-86)**

**Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

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### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

#### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases certain assault penalties from Class B crimes to Class A crimes, increasing correctional and judicial costs. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Corrections will incur additional costs as a result of the increase in the length of sentence. The average cost of a Class A crime is \$203,141 per sentence based on an average length of stay of 1,886 days. The average cost of a Class B crime is \$62,687 per sentence based on an average length of stay of 582 days. The Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services will also experience an increase in costs, estimated to be \$1,502 per case. The number of occurrences in any given fiscal year is not projected at this time.