



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1567

LR 2596(03)

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Operation of an All-terrain Vehicle or Snowmobile on a Controlled Access Highway

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-541)

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note

Contingent future biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Minor cost increase - Highway Fund

Minor cost increase - Maine Turnpike Authority

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill allows the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to construct snowmobile trails and/or ATV trails within the right-of-way limits of a controlled access highway if the Department of Transportation or the board of directors of the Maine Turnpike Authority allow it. ACF has indicated that it would incur costs totaling \$70,000 to \$225,000 over approximately 4 years to develop these trails if given permission to build. Construction, if permission were granted, is estimated to start in fiscal year 2018-19. All costs to ACF will be funded by the Snowmobile Trail Fund for snowmobile trails and the ATV Recreational Management Fund for ATV trails. These accounts are both within ACF and have sufficient resources to absorb these costs.

Additional costs to the Department of Transportation and Maine Turnpike Authority associated with reviewing these requests can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.