



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 245(02)

An Act To Support Collection and Proper Disposal of Unwanted Drugs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Appropriations/Allocations				
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Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would establish a drug take-back stewardship program requirement for household pharmaceutical waste overseen by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Manufacturers of household pharmaceuticals would be able to choose to create individual programs, coordinate with other manufacturers or utilize a third-party administrator when developing drug take-back programs to meet the stewardship requirements. Costs related to the drug take-back stewardship programs would be paid by participating manufacturers. The bill authorizes the DEP to establish fees, to be paid by participants in the programs, to offset department costs related to overseeing the program requirements. DEP has indicated that additional staffing would be required and the bill includes allocations of \$65,713 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$ 98,350 in fiscal year 2022-23 to DEP for one Environmental Specialist III position and associated costs. It is anticipated that the DEP will be able to fund the increased allocation with the new fees.