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Majority

L.D. 1702

(Filing No. H-642)

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1217, L.D. 1702, Bill, "An Act To Enhance the Administration of the Maine Human Rights Act"

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Amend the bill in section 7 in §4612 in subsection 6 in the 4th to 8th lines (page 5, lines 38 to 42 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The executive director of the commission may issue a right-to-sue letter in any case in which the commission has not filed a civil action in the case or has not entered into a conciliation agreement in the case within 180 days of the complaint being filed, whether or not such a letter has been requested by the complainant."

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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The bill authorizes the executive director of the Maine Human Rights Commission to issue a right-to-sue letter without a request. This amendment removes that authority from the bill.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1702

LR 2282(02)

An Act To Enhance the Administration of the Maine Human Rights Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-642)*

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,250	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$2,250)	(\$3,000)	(\$3,000)	(\$3,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill makes several changes to the Maine Human Rights Act to improve processing and investigating complaints. In addition to these changes, the bill exempts funds collected by the Maine Human Rights Commission for 3rd-party neutral mediation from the statewide cost allocation plan (STACAP). STACAP charges are assessed to state programs in order to recover some of the costs of providing central administrative services paid by the General Fund. Exempting certain accounts from STACAP charges removes the ability to distribute overhead costs to non-general fund accounts. It is estimated that the Maine Human Rights Commission is assessed about \$3,000 annually in STACAP charges for funds collected for 3rd party mediation. As a result, the bill will reduce revenues credited to the General Fund by \$3,000 annually.