

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**MARINE RESOURCES**

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**132ND LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 208, L.D. 553, "An Act to Assert State Sovereignty over Ocean Waters and Marine Resources up to 12 Nautical Miles off the State's Coast"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

**'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

**Human Services Division 0696**

Initiative: Provides funding for a 0.5 full-time equivalent Assistant Attorney General position and related costs to enforce provisions related to the State's sovereignty over and ownership of offshore waters.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.000	0.500
Personal Services	\$0	\$190,492
All Other	\$0	\$10,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,492</b>

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE  
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,492</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,492</b>

**MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 208, L.D. 553 (S. 203)

1	Initiative: Provides funding for reimbursement of legal costs.		
2	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
3	All Other	\$0	\$200,492
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5	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,492</b>
6	<b>Marine Patrol - Bureau of 0029</b>		
7	Initiative: Provides funding for 6 Patrol Officer positions and associated costs.		
8	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
9	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6,000	6,000
10	Personal Services	\$652,962	\$672,551
11	All Other	\$60,000	\$60,000
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13	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$712,962</b>	<b>\$732,551</b>
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15	<b>MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
16	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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18	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$712,962</b>	<b>\$933,043</b>
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20	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$712,962</b>	<b>\$933,043</b>
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22	<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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24	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$712,962</b>	<b>\$933,043</b>
25	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,492</b>
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27	<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$712,962</b>	<b>\$1,133,535</b>

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

31 **SUMMARY**   
 32 This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.   
 33 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**   
 34 (See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 553****LR 609(02)****An Act to Assert State Sovereignty over Ocean Waters and Marine Resources up to 12 Nautical Miles off the State's Coast**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S. 203)**  
**Committee: Marine Resources**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$712,962	\$933,043	\$953,219	\$974,001
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$712,962	\$933,043	\$953,219	\$974,001
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$200,492	\$208,423	\$232,519
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$200,492	\$208,423	\$232,519

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$200,492 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Department of Attorney General for one half-time equivalent Assistant Attorney General position and related costs to enforce provisions related to state's sovereignty over and ownership of offshore waters. Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Department of Attorney General will increase by \$200,492 in fiscal year 2026-27 for reimbursement of legal fees from state agencies.

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the Department of Marine Resources of \$712,962 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 for 6 Patrol Officer positions and associated position costs to support the enforcement of marine resources laws in the expanded coverage area. The bill also includes ongoing appropriations to DMR of \$200,492 starting in fiscal year 2026-27 to reimburse the Department of Attorney General for related position costs.