

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 1935

Date: 6/3/25 Minority

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1296, L.D. 1935, "An Act to Increase Penalties for Violations Related to Water Well Drilling"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §4700-L, sub-§1, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §115, is amended to read:

1. **Fine.** A person, company, firm, partnership or corporation who installs, alters, repairs or replaces a water well, geothermal heat exchange well or pump system without being licensed as provided in this chapter or in violation of the code of performance adopted by the commission pursuant to section 4700-H, subsection 5, except for an apprentice well driller or an apprentice pump installer as set forth in this chapter, or a person, firm, partnership or corporation who procures a license as provided in this chapter wrongfully or by fraud commits a civil violation punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 \$10,000.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF  
Drinking Water Enforcement 0728

Initiative: Provides funding from increased penalties for water well drilling violations.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$7,200	\$7,200
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,200	\$7,200

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1296, L.D. 1935

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. This amendment removes the provision from the bill that provides that a person, company, firm, partnership or corporation who drills, drives or bores a water well or geothermal heat exchange well without being licensed commits a Class D crime. The amendment also decreases the civil violation fine from not more than \$25,000, as in the bill, to not more than \$10,000.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1935****LR 1339(02)****An Act to Increase Penalties for Violations Related to Water Well Drilling****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment****Committee: Labor****Fiscal Note Required: Yes****"A" (H-464)**

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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>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill includes an ongoing annual Other Special Revenue Funds revenue increase to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$7,200 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 from the increased penalties for water well drilling violations included in the bill. Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of the same amount are also included.