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JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PEARSON of Penobscot

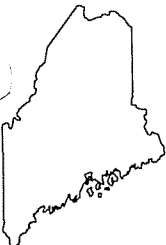
Cosponsored by Senator EMERSON of Penobscot, Representative JOSEPH of Waterville,
Representative LORD of Waterboro and President PRAY of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Require Administrative Agencies to Create Municipal Fiscal
Impact Statements When They Create Rules.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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5 MRSA §8063 is enacted to read:

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§8063. Fiscal impact

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Every rule proposed by an agency must contain a fiscal impact note at the end of the rule. The note must be placed on the rule prior to any public hearing and, in the case of rules adopted without a hearing, prior to the sending of notice under section 8053. The fiscal impact note must describe the estimated cost to municipalities and counties for implementing or complying with the proposed rule. If the proposed rule will not impose any cost on municipalities or counties, the fiscal impact note must state that fact.

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This section does not apply to emergency rules.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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Administrative rules often have as much or more financial impact on municipalities than the original legislation authorizing the rules. This bill requires administrative agencies to identify the financial impact of their rules on municipalities and counties.