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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 663, L.D. 886, Bill, "An Act To Require State Reimbursement When Laws or Rules Devalue Private Property"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Require State Identification of Laws and Rules That Devalue Private Property'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 1 MRSA c. 22 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 22

PROTECTION OF PROPERTY VALUES

§841. Review of laws and rules

1. Review by Legislature. By January 15, 2004, the Legislature shall review all state laws currently in effect to identify laws that result in the devaluation of property.

2. Review by departments; report. By December 15, 2003, each department and agency of the State shall review the laws and rules it administers to identify laws and rules that result in

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the devaluation of property. By January 15, 2004, each department and agency shall submit a written report to the Legislature of all the laws and rules identified that result in the devaluation of property.

3. Notification. By March 1, 2004, the Legislature shall notify all property owners in the State of the laws and rules that have been identified as resulting in the devaluation of property.

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

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Initiative: Provides funds for printing and mailing costs associated with the required notification of property owners throughout the State.

General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
All Other	\$250,000	\$0
General Fund Total	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. It replaces the bill and retains only that portion of the bill that requires the Legislature and all state agencies to review the laws of the State and the rules agencies administer to identify laws and rules that devalue property. By March 1, 2004, the Legislature must notify all property owners in the State of the laws and rules that have been identified as resulting in the devaluation of property.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

LD 886

**An Act to Require State Reimbursement When Laws or Rules Devalue
Private Property**

LR 1456(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$374,321	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$374,321	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The estimated cost for each of the joint standing committees to meet an average of four to five times to conduct the review required by this bill is \$124,321. The Legislature has budgeted \$110,500 in fiscal year 2003-04 for four meetings for all committees to conduct authorized interim work. If more than the budgeted number of meetings are required, the Legislature may require additional General Fund appropriations. The Legislature would also be required to notify all property owners of the laws and rules that have been identified as resulting in the devaluation of property. This notification will result in printing and mailing costs to property owners throughout the state. Assuming there are approximately 500,000 property owners, the printing and mailing costs for a standard mailing would be a minimum of \$250,000. The Legislature will require an additional General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 to cover these costs.