

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 212

House of Representatives, January 18, 2005

### An Act To Require Fiscal Impact Notes for Proposed Agency Rules

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative JOY of Crystal.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, HOTHAM of Dixfield,  
McKENNEY of Cumberland, VAUGHAN of Durham.

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

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**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §8063, first ¶.** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 233,  
is amended to read:

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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 with specificity the estimated cost to the regulated community, including, but not limited to, municipalities and, counties, individuals and businesses, for implementing or complying with the proposed rule. If the proposed rule will not impose any cost on ~~municipalities or counties~~ the regulated community, the fiscal impact note must state that fact.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill requires state agencies to expand fiscal impact note requirements for the regulated community of a proposed rule.