

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 1737  
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5 STATE OF MAINE  
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
7 123RD LEGISLATURE  
8 FIRST REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1220, L.D. 1737, Bill, "An Act To  
10 Amend the Conservation Easement Laws"

11 Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

12 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 11 and inserting the following:

13 'Sec. 11. 33 MRSA §479-C is enacted to read:

14 §479-C. Conservation easement registry

15 A holder of a conservation easement that is organized or doing business in the State  
16 shall annually report to the Executive Department, State Planning Office the book and  
17 page number at the registry of deeds for each conservation easement that it holds, the  
18 municipality and approximate number of acres protected under each easement and such  
19 other information as the State Planning Office determines necessary to fulfill the purposes  
20 of this subchapter. The filing must be made by a date and on forms established by the  
21 State Planning Office to avoid duplicative filings when possible and otherwise reduce  
22 administrative burdens. The annual filing must be accompanied by a \$30 fee. The State  
23 Planning Office shall maintain a permanent record of the registration and report to the  
24 Attorney General any failure of a holder disclosed by the filing or otherwise known to the  
25 State Planning Office. The fees established under this section must be held by the State  
26 Planning Office in a nonlapsing, special account to defray the costs of maintaining the  
27 registry and carrying out its duties under this section.'

28 Amend the amendment by inserting after section 11 the following:

29 'EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

30 Land for Maine's Future Fund 0060

31 Initiative: Allocates funds to maintain the conservation easement registry.

# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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**(See attached)**

**123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1737****LR 2051(02)****An Act To Amend the Conservation Easement Laws****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"****Committee: Judiciary****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>Projections 2009-10</b>	<b>Projections 2010-11</b>
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$3,060	\$3,060	\$3,060	\$3,060
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$3,060	\$3,060	\$3,060	\$3,060

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill proposes to require a holder of a conservation easement that is doing business in the State to annually report to the State Planning Office for each conservation easement that it holds. Each annual filing must be accompanied by a \$30 fee in addition to any other fees prescribed by law. The fees established in the bill must be held by the State Planning Office in a nonlapsing , Other Special Revenue Funds account to be used to defray the costs of maintaining the registry. The projected increase in Other Special Revenue Funds is \$3,060 annually and an allocation of \$3,060 to the State Planning Office is included in the bill.