

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

126TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 99, L.D. 266, Bill, "An Act To Improve the Law Regarding Bail Commissioners"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funds for one part-time Account Clerk I position and one part-time Programmer Analyst position and related costs to track, collect and transfer the surcharges assessed to pay the bail commissioner's fee.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$45,881	\$61,174
All Other	\$28,500	\$8,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$74,381</u>	<u>\$69,174</u>

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 266

LR 715(02)

## An Act To Improve the Law Regarding Bail Commissioners

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-29)  
 Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$74,381	\$69,174	\$71,011	\$72,902
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$74,381	\$69,174	\$71,011	\$72,902

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$74,381 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$69,174 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Judicial Department to establish a process to collect the bail fee as a surcharge for those defendants who cannot pay the bail commissioner fee at the time bail is set. The bill does not specify the amount of the surcharge or what it is applied to. Establishing a fund to pay the bail commissioner fee for indigent defendants will increase costs to county correctional facilities. It may also reduce costs for housing defendants. The amount of the additional costs and potential savings cannot be estimated at this time.