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L.D. 1643

Date: 2/28/14

(Filing No. S-404)

**LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
126TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 634, L.D. 1643, Bill, "An Act To Enable the Bureau of Labor Standards To Access Federal Reimbursement by Amending State Law To Conform to Federal Law"

Amend the bill in section 6 in §569 in the indented paragraph in the 3rd line (page 2, line 37 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "to" the following: 'occupational safety and health'

Amend the bill by adding after section 7 the following:

**'Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF  
Regulation and Enforcement 0159**

Initiative: Allocates funds to conduct public sector enforcement and consultation services.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
All Other	\$0	\$400,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>

**SUMMARY**

This amendment changes the bill by qualifying that, in the case of a conflict between the occupational safety and health rules of the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards and the rules of another state agency, the bureau's rules supersede the other

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1 agency's rules only regarding the occupational safety and health standards of that other  
2 agency. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1643

LR 2677(02)

## An Act To Enable the Bureau of Labor Standards To Access Federal Reimbursement by Amending State Law To Conform to Federal Law

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-404)  
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

Current biennium savings - Other Special Revenue Funds

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>Revenue</b>				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing Federal Expenditures Fund allocations of \$400,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Regulation and Enforcement program within the Department of Labor for the costs associated with the Bureau of Labor Standards conducting public sector consultation and enforcement services.

This legislation will conform current Maine law regarding enforcement of workplace safety to federal law and allow for the State to become eligible to receive a federal grant of up to \$400,000 per year for the cost of providing public sector enforcement and consultation services. The Bureau currently provides these services utilizing funds in the Safety Education and Training Fund, Other Special Revenues Funds account, which is funded through an annual assessment levied based on actual workers' compensation paid losses.