

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
126TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 752, L.D. 1854, Bill, "An Act Regarding Compensation for the Panel of Mediators"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph C in the 9th to 13th lines (page 1, lines 12 to 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 5, section 12003-A, subsection 9, members of the panel who provide mediation services in more than one dispute in a given day are entitled to the compensation as provided in this paragraph in each such case. The necessary expenses incurred by the members must be allocated to the mediation session that required the costs.~~" and inserting the following: 'Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 5, section 12003-A, subsection 9, members of the panel who provide mediation services in more than one dispute in a given day are entitled to the compensation as provided in this paragraph in each such case. The necessary expenses incurred by the members must be allocated to the mediation session that required the costs.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Labor Relations Board 0160

Initiative: Allocates funds for the increase in fees for mediation services provided by members of the Panel of Mediators.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$27,800
All Other	\$0	\$4,258
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$32,058</b>

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment amends the bill, which removes the provision of current law that allows mediators to be paid on a per-dispute-mediated basis. The amendment retains this provision of law, and also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY: *Adrian E. Cushing*

(Senator CUSHING)

COUNTY: Penobscot



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1854

LR 2900(03)

## An Act Regarding Compensation for the Panel of Mediators

**Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Sen. Cushing of Penobscot**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$32,058	\$32,058	\$32,058
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$32,058	\$32,058	\$32,058

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Adding back the provision in current law that allows mediators to be paid on a per dispute-mediated basis is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Maine Labor Relations Board.

This amendment adds an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$32,058 to the Maine Labor Relations Board in fiscal year 2014-15 for the cost associated with the increase in payments to members of the Panel of Mediators from \$100 to \$300 for up to 4 hours of mediation services provided and from \$100 to \$300 for each consecutive period of up to 4 hours thereafter. As this bill was not referred to committee, no opportunity was available to add the required allocation section.