

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 12, L.D. 9, Bill, "An Act To Retain  
Call Centers in Maine"

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**

**Regulation and Enforcement 0159**

Initiative: Provides funds for a Labor and Safety Inspector to enforce the notice  
requirements and collect the fines assessed.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
Personal Services	\$12,567	\$26,138
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$12,567</u>	<u>\$26,138</u>

**Workforce Research Z164**

Initiative: Provides funds for the maintenance of a database of employers that have  
relocated a call center or a facility or operating unit handling at least 30% of call volume  
within a call center from the State to a foreign country.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 12, L.D. 9

1	LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF		
2	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
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4	GENERAL FUND	\$22,567	\$36,138
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6	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$22,567</u>	<u>\$36,138</u>
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8 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
9 section number to read consecutively.

10 SUMMARY

11 The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

12 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

13 (See attached)

**127th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 9****LR 218(02)****An Act To Retain Call Centers in Maine**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment A' (H-214)**  
**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

Potential current biennium revenue increase - General Fund

Potential current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>Projections FY 2017-18</b>	<b>Projections FY 2018-19</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$22,567	\$36,138	\$37,184	\$38,271
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$22,567	\$36,138	\$37,184	\$38,271

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$22,567 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$36,138 in fiscal year 2016-17 to implement the requirements of this legislation. Of this amount, General Fund appropriations of \$12,567 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$26,138 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Bureau of Labor Standards is included for a portion of the personal services cost for one Labor and Safety Inspector position associated with enforcing the notification requirements and collecting the fines assessed. Additionally, General Fund appropriations of \$10,000 in fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 to the Workforce Research program is included for the maintenance of a database of employers who have relocated a call center or a facility or operating unit handling at least 30% of call volume within a call center, from the State to a foreign country. This fiscal note assumes a January 1, 2016 effective date.

Requiring those employers that have received state grants, state guaranteed loans or state tax benefits and have relocated a call center, or one or more facilities or operating units within a call center handling at least 30% of the call center's total call volume, from the State to a foreign country to remit the unamortized value of the state grant, state guaranteed loan or tax benefit may result in increased General Fund or Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the State beginning in fiscal year 2015-16. Assessing a fine of \$350 for each day that an employer fails to notify the State of its intention to relocate a call center may also increase General Fund revenues beginning in fiscal year 2015-16. The amount of additional revenue to be received will depend on the number of fines assessed and the value of the grants, loans or tax benefits remitted.

The Department of Administrative and Financial Services anticipates additional costs associated with this bill. These are not anticipated to be significant.