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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 540, L.D. 791, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Wind Energy Development Permitting"

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

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Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236**

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Initiative: Provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2015-16 of \$2,500 for rulemaking.

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GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$2,500	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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SUMMARY

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This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to provide funding to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission for rulemaking.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 791

LR 1614(02)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Wind Energy Development Permitting

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-375)
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill changes the laws governing the expedited permitting of grid-scale wind energy development and allows the Maine Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to add and remove specific locations to the designated wind energy permitting area under certain circumstances. The bill contains a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$2,500 in fiscal year 2015-16 to the LUPC for rulemaking related to these changes in law.