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L.D. 111  
(Filing No. H-332)

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
128TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 79, L.D. 111, Bill, "An Act To Establish a Veterans Treatment Court in Androscoggin County"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Establish an Additional Veterans Treatment Court'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY BDS)**

**Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services 0679**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for case management services provided by the office of substance abuse and mental health services within the Department of Health and Human Services for a veterans treatment program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$125,000</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>

<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY BDS) DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$125,000	\$125,000

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 79, L.D. 111

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2	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$125,000</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>
3	<b>JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT</b>		
4	<b>Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063</b>		
5	Initiative: Provides one-time funds for active retired judges to cover other court time of		
6	full-time sitting judges assigned to a veterans treatment court.		
7	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
8	Personal Services	\$10,800	\$14,400
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10	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$10,800</u>	<u>\$14,400</u>
11	<b>JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT</b>		
12	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
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14	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$10,800</b>	<b>\$14,400</b>
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16	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$10,800</u>	<u>\$14,400</u>
17	<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
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19	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$135,800</b>	<b>\$139,400</b>
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21	<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$135,800</u>	<u>\$139,400</u>
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**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. This amendment replaces the bill, which requires the establishment of a veterans treatment court in Androscoggin County. Instead, this amendment relies on the enabling language already in statute for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to establish veterans treatment courts where appropriate and provides the funding for the courts as well as for the services to be provided for the 2018-2019 biennium only.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 111

LR 350(03)

## An Act To Establish a Veterans Treatment Court in Androscoggin County

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

*B(H-332)*

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$135,800	\$139,400	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$135,800	\$139,400	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes one-time General Fund appropriations of \$10,800 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$14,400 in fiscal year 2018-19 for the Judicial Department to establish a Veterans Court. The Governor's biennial budget for the 2018-2019 biennium, LD 390, provides funding to increase the rate paid to Active Retired Judges. This estimate of fiscal impact may need to be revised based on final Legislative action on the biennial budget.

The bill also includes one-time General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$125,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$125,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 for case management services provided by the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services for a veteran's treatment program.