

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 230, L.D. 326, "An Act To Authorize Lifetime Teaching Certificates"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §13027 in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the 2nd line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "20" and inserting the following: '25'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §13027 in subsection 7 in the first line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "annual" and inserting the following: 'recurring'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §13027 in subsection 7 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "an annual" and inserting the following: 'a recurring'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, amends the bill by changing from 20 years to 25 years the length of time that a teacher must have maintained a professional teacher certificate and taught in the State to be eligible for a lifetime teaching certificate. It also changes the provision that prohibits the Department of Education from assessing an annual fee to maintain the certificate to a prohibition on assessing a recurring fee to maintain the certificate.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 326

LR 259(02)

## An Act To Authorize Lifetime Teaching Certificates

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-101)  
 Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs  
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue increase - General Fund

Future biennium revenue decrease - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The General Fund is budgeted to receive approximately \$734,888 annually from teacher certification fees. Currently, teachers must renew their certification every 5 years at a cost of \$100. This bill authorizes lifetime teaching certificates and tasks the Department of Education with setting a reasonable one-time fee for lifetime certificates through the rule-making process.

According to data provided by the Department of Education, there are currently 3,019 teachers that hold a valid professional teacher certificate and have taught in the State within the area of endorsement on their professional teacher certificate for at least 25 years. Assuming an average of 604 (one-fifth) of these teachers each year opts to get a lifetime certificate and the fee is set at \$100 each, there would be no change in revenue for the first five years of implementation. Starting in year six, the loss of General Fund revenue is estimated to be \$60,400 per year. If the fee is set at \$200 for a lifetime certificate, there would be a revenue gain of \$60,400 for each of the first five years followed by a revenue loss of the same amount beginning in year six. The actual gain or loss of General Fund revenue as a result of this provision will depend of the amount of the fee established for the lifetime certificates.