



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Protect the Quality of Care Provided via Telehealth by Prohibiting Physicians from Prescribing Abortion-inducing Drugs or Devices Through Telehealth or Other Electronic Communication

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Paul of Winterport

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class C crimes for prescribing or shipping an abortion-inducing drug or device by telehealth, telephone, the internet or other digital communication. The current average cost of incarcerating one individual for a single year is \$55,203.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new felony cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding to the Judicial Branch at this time.

The collection of additional fine revenue will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts.