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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEABIRD AND SHOREBIRD PROTECTION PROGRAM.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated impact.

The amendment (1) allows the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to identify and assign shorebird protection areas from March 1st to September 15th annually, on coastally-located public, state-owned property, (2) establishes a 25-foot setback area from any seabird and shorebird protection area, and (3) establishes a separate infraction for each violation for anyone who disturbs these areas.

This results in a potential revenue gain from fines to the extent violations are enforced. Infractions are not crimes and are punishable by fines that usually range from \$100 to \$300.

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