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### **An Act to Provide Limited Immunity to Maine Human Rights Commission Mediators**

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Submitted by the Maine Human Rights Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4612, sub-§1, ¶C** is enacted to read:

3 C. The commission shall contract with impartial mediators for the 3rd-party neutral  
4 mediation program under paragraph A. For the purposes of this section, while carrying  
5 out their official duties, mediators are considered state employees and are entitled to  
6 the immunity provided to state employees under the Maine Tort Claims Act.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill amends the Maine Human Rights Act to provide limited immunity to Maine  
9 Human Rights Commission mediators while acting as mediators for the commission's 3rd-  
10 party neutral mediation program.