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S.P. 564

In Senate, April 1, 2025

An Act to Increase the Cap on Liability for Governmental Entities Under the Maine Tort Claims Act

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 28, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, KUHN of Falmouth, LEE of Auburn.

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §8105, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 460, §1 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

1. Limit established. In any claim or cause of action permitted by this chapter, the award of damages, including costs, against either a governmental entity or its employees, or both, may not exceed ~~\$400,000~~ \$1,250,000 for any and all claims arising out of a single occurrence.

SUMMARY

This bill increases the limitation on the award of damages against a governmental entity or its employees, or both, under the Maine Tort Claims Act from \$400,000 to \$1,250,000 per occurrence.