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H.P. 1091

House of Representatives, April 15, 2025

An Act to Allow Paralegals to Be Paid by the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative COLLINS of Sidney.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, DRINKWATER of Milford, HAGGAN of Hampden, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, Senator: HAGGAN of Penobscot.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1804, sub-§3, ¶F-1 is enacted to read:
3 4	F-1. Develop and maintain a system to compensate paralegals employed to assist in providing indigent legal services at the average labor market rate for paralegal services;
5	SUMMARY
6 7 8	This bill requires the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to implement a system to compensate paralegals employed to help provide indigent legal services at the average labor market rate for paralegal services.