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## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 101st LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT 'B" to S. P. 426, L. D. 1169, Bill, "An Act Relating to Discrimination in Rental Housing."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end, before the single quotation mark, the following underlined paragraph:

'The burden of proof that any person has discriminated against any other person because of race, color, religious sect, creed, class, denomination, ancestry or national origin shall be on the complainant, and if any complainant fails to obtain a conviction for a violation of this section, the court before which the matter is heard shall have jurisdiction to immediately enter judgment that said complainant shall be liable to said court for all the costs and expenses of the prosecution of the complainant, and the court shall have further jurisdiction to order that judgment be entered on behalf of the defendant in the sum of \$100 for each such complaint as damages and further, said court may award the defendant a reasonable amount for attorney's fees if said defendant retains an attorney to defend him against the criminal charge.'

Filed by Mr. Gilbert of Eddington

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