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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 196

House of Representatives, January 20, 1971

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Orestis of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Counsel's Argument of Monetary Value of Pain and Suffering in Personal Injury Actions.

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

R. S., T. 14, § 1453, additional. Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1453 to read as follows:

§ 1453. Personal injury action, argument of monetary value of pain and suffering

In the trial of a civil action for personal injuries, counsel may argue the worth or monetary value of pain and suffering to the jury on a per diem basis. The argument shall conform to the evidence or reasonable deductions from the evidence in the case.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of adding the above statement is to allow counsel to argue pain and suffering on a per diem basis.