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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1623

H. P. 1169

House of Representatives, March 17, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bourgoin of Fort Kent.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

RESOLVE, to Reimburse Town of Fort Kent for Certain Judgment Against the Town.

Town of Fort Kent, reimbursed. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Town of Fort Kent the sum of \$34,757, plus interest from February 19, 1969, to reimburse the Town of Fort Kent for a judgment rendered against said town by the Supreme Judicial Court's decision in the case of Emile Blier vs. Inhabitants of the Town of Fort Kent.

STATEMENT OF FACT

A judgment in the amount of \$84,757 was obtained against the Town of Fort Kent for injuries suffered by Emile Blier. The town's liability insurance carrier paid \$50,000 towards the judgment. This sum represented the total amount of coverage carried by the town as liability insurance on its employees. Since the provisions of section 157 of Title 14 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 8-A of chapter 425 of the public laws of 1965, were vague as to the limit of governmental responsibility, the town did not fully protect itself with insurance and the purpose of this bill is to reimburse the town for the amount of the judgment over and above the insurance coverage. Reference is made to the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court recorded February 19, 1971 in the matter of Emile Blier vs. Inhabitants of the Town of Fort Kent.