

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 385

H. P. 312

House of Representatives, January 28, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Snow of Falmouth.

Cosponsor: Mrs. Durgin of Kittery.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Clarify the Meaning of Reasonable Compensation
Paid to Court-appointed Counsel.

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

15 MRSA, § 810, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 544, § 50, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

Reasonable compensation is defined as that compensation received by attorneys of similar experience in the same community for performing the same or similar services for persons with sufficient means to employ counsel.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide as good legal counsel to indigent criminal defendants as is provided to those with means to pay. Such is not presently the case, as has been reported by a Bar Association Committee.