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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SIX

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**AN ACT** Relating to the Priority of Attorneys' Liens in Regard to  
Allegedly Stolen Property.

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

14 MRSA § 2602-A is enacted to read:

§ 2602-A. Attorneys' liens; allegedly stolen property

In any civil action in which the plaintiff or plaintiffs seek the restoration of or compensation for money or other personal property allegedly taken by theft by the defendant or defendants and in which trustee process is used with regard to such money or other personal property, the claim of the plaintiff or plaintiffs shall have priority over an attorney's lien for services performed for the defendant or defendants.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would give a plaintiff's claim priority over a defendant's attorney's lien for services, with regard to money or property that a defendant has placed in the custody of his attorney, when the purpose of the plaintiff's claim is to recover stolen money or property.