

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 826

S. P. 268

In Senate, March 10, 1977

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Minkowsky of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Limit Attorney's Fees under the Maine Tort Claims Act.

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

14 MRSA § 8105-A is enacted to read:

§ 8105-A. Attorney's fees

In any action for damages permitted by this chapter for which an award of damages is made, the attorney's fees shall not exceed:

- A. 15% of any award of damages including costs which total \$50,000 or over; or
- B. 25% of any award of damages including costs which total under \$50,000.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to place a limitation on the attorney's fees which may be charged in suits under the Maine Tort Claims Act which result in awards of damages.