

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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## Legislative Document

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H. P. 827

House of Representatives, March 15, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carey of Waterville.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**RESOLVE, Increasing to \$25,000 the Amount for which Romeo and Genevieve St. Amand or their Legal Representatives may bring a Civil Action Against the State of Maine.**

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

**Resolves 1975, c. 19, amended. Resolved:** That the next to the last sentence of chapter 19 of the resolves of 1975 is amended to read:

**Any recovery in said action shall not be in excess of ~~\$4,000~~ \$25,000, including costs.**

### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this resolve is to increase to \$25,000 the amount for which Romeo and Genevieve St. Amand or their legal representatives may bring a civil action against the State of Maine.

On June 20, 1975, the Honorable James B. Longley, Governor of the State of Maine, approved Resolve H. P. 582 — L. D. 721, duly read and passed in the House of Representatives and in the Senate of the State of Maine, authorizing Genevieve St. Amand and Romeo St. Amand of Fairfield, in the County of Somerset, to bring an action in the Superior Court for the County of Kennebec against the State of Maine for damages resulting from personal injuries suffered by the said Genevieve St. Amand caused by the alleged negligence of the Bureau of Aeronautics of the State of Maine, its agents or employees.

Said Resolve limited the amount of recovery in said action to \$4,000, including costs.

Since the effective date of said Resolve, it has become apparent that the injuries sustained by said Genevieve St. Amand as a result of the alleged negligence of the Bureau of Aeronautics of the State of Maine, its agents or employees, are more severe than originally anticipated and she has not properly responded to medical treatment, and that \$4,000 will not adequately compensate for the same.

It now appears that in order to quitably compensate the said Genevieve St. Amand and Romeo St. Amand, the limit on the amount of possible recovery should be raised to \$25,000.