

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 882**

H. P. 744

House of Representatives, February 17, 1981

On Motion of Representative Hobbins of Saco, referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Rolde of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Provide a 2-year Statute of Limitation for Attorney Malpractice.**

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

14 MRSA § 753-A is enacted to read:

**§ 753-A. Attorneys**

**Actions for malpractice or professional negligence against attorneys are required to be commenced within 2 years after the negligent act or act of malpractice is committed.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill sets a 2-year statute of limitation for the malpractice or negligence of attorneys. Presently it is unclear whether an act of negligence by an attorney can ever be foreclosed, if it remains undiscovered. The bill's 2-year period is the same as the period presently applied for medical malpractice.