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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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L.D. 1475
(Filing No. H-446)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1251, L.D. 1475, Bill,
"AN ACT to Establish the Procedure for Payment for Attorneys'
Fees Awards Against the State."

Amend the Bill in that part designated "§1512." by striking
out all of the first and 2nd paragraphs and inserting in their
place the following:

'Notwithstanding Title 5, section 1543 or any other statute,
attorneys' fees awarded by a court against the State, its
departments, agencies, officers or employees, and settlements
of attorneys' fees without court award in these cases, may be
paid from any funds available to the State. The Governor may
identify by financial order the account, fund or other source
from which payment of the attorneys' fees award or settlement
shall be made.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment authorizes payment of either court-awarded
attorneys' fees or settlements of these fees against the State
from any funds available to the State. Payment can be made
without an appropriation for that purpose, but only after the
Governor specifies the account, fund or other source for payment
by a financial order.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.
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