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## STATEMENT OF FACT

Unlike the workers' compensation laws of other states, Maine law presently requires an employer to pay a claimant's legal expenses regardless of whether the claimant wins or loses the case.

This bill eliminates that unfairness by limiting assessments of attorney's fees to those proceedings in which the claimant prevails.

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