

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 460

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7 H.P. 343

House of Representatives, February 7, 1985

8 Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule  
9 24.

10 On motion of Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield, referred to the  
Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Priest of Brunswick.

11 Cosponsored by Senator Carpenter of Aroostook, Representative Reeves  
of Pittston and Representative Cooper of Windham.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT to Facilitate the Settlement of  
18 Tort Claims of \$2,000 or Less.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 14 MRSA §8109, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1977,  
23 c. 2, §2, is amended to read:

24 A. Any agency may settle any claim for an amount  
25 of ~~\$500~~ \$2,000 or less when such settlement is  
26 approved by the appropriate department or agency  
27 head in accordance with regulations promulgated  
28 by the Commissioner of Finance and Administra-  
29 tion.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 Currently, state agencies may settle tort claims  
3 under \$500. Claims that exceed \$500 must be for-  
4 warded to the Commissioner of Finance and Administra-  
5 tion and the Attorney General before they can be set-  
6 tled by a state agency. This bill allows state agen-  
7 cies to settle tort claims under \$2,000 rather than  
8 the present ceiling of \$500. The bill allows small  
9 claims of \$2,000 or less to be more expeditiously re-  
10 solved.

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