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H.P. 626 House of Representatives, March 20, 1987 Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MELENDY of Rockland.

Cosponsored by Representatives KETOVER of Portland,
BICKFORD of Jay and Senator ANDREWS of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 2 3 4	AN ACT to Limit the Penalty a Landlord can Charge a Tenant for Late Payment of Rent.
5 6	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
7	14 MRSA §6028 is enacted to read:
8	§6028. Penalties for late payment of rent
9 0	A landlord may assess a penalty against a tenant for late payment of rent according to this section.
1 2 3	l. Late payment. A payment of rent is late if it is not made within 15 days from the time the payment is due.

1 2 3	2. Maximum penalty. A landlord may not assess a penalty for the late payment of rent which exceeds the greater of:
4 5	A. Eighteen percent of the amount due for one month; or
6	B. Ten dollars.
7	STATEMENT OF FACT
8 9 10 11	This bill allows a landlord to charge a penalty of 18% of the monthly rent, or \$10, whichever is more, for a rental payment which is not made within 15 days from the date the payment is due.
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