

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
2 therefore,

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

5 4 MRSA §18, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1985, c.  
6 814, Pt. K, is further amended to read:

7 6. Fees. When the court refers parties to the  
8 Court Mediation Service after the filing of a com-  
9 plaint or petition under Title 19, section 214 or  
10 581, or Title 19, chapter 13, the court shall assess  
11 the parties a \$60 fee to be apportioned equally be-  
12 tween the parties, unless the court otherwise di-  
13 rects. The court shall not assess the parties any  
14 fees beyond the initial \$60 fee, unless one or both  
15 of the parties files under Title 19, section 214 or  
16 581, or Title 19, chapter 13, a motion to amend a fi-  
17 nal decree, a motion to enforce a final decree or a  
18 motion for contempt. When the court refers the par-  
19 ties to the Court Mediation Service after the filing  
20 under Title 19, section 214 or 581, or Title 19,  
21 chapter 13, of a motion to amend a final decree, a  
22 motion to enforce a final decree or a motion for con-  
23 tempt, the court shall assess the parties another  
24 \$60 fee to be apportioned equally between the par-  
25 ties, unless the court otherwise directs.

26 A party may file an in forma pauperis application for  
27 waiver of a fee established by this subsection. If  
28 the court finds that the party does not have suffi-  
29 cient funds to pay the fee, it shall order the fee  
30 waived.

31 ~~This subsection is repealed on June 30, 1987.~~

32 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited  
33 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-  
34 proved.

1 FISCAL NOTE

2 Failure to repeal the sunset provision would re-  
3 sult in a loss of General Fund revenue in the amount  
4 of \$240,000 per year.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 This bill repeals the sunset provision which  
7 would have removed from the statutes the authority of  
8 the court to assess fees for court mediation ser-  
9 vices.

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