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# 115th WAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

Legislative Document

No. 546

S.P. 219

In Senate, February 12, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Allow the Maine Human Rights Commission to Recover Litigation Costs.



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

2 5 MRSA §4614, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 255, §3, is amended to read:

### §4614. Attorney's fees and costs

In any civil action under this Act, the court, in its discretion, may allow the prevailing party, other than the commission, reasonable atterneys attorney's fees and may allow the prevailing party, including the commission, costs, and the.

The commission shall-be is liable for atterneys attorney's fees and costs the same as a private person.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows the Maine Human Rights Commission to recover costs if it is the prevailing party in civil litigation under the Maine Human Rights Act.