

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1423

House of Representatives, January 7, 1992

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LAWRENCE of Kittery.

Cosponsored by Representative DAGGETT of Augusta, Senator MILLS of Oxford and
Representative STEVENS of Sabattus.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Encourage Lawful Rental Practices.

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

14 MRSA §6014, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 428, §8, is amended to read:

2. Remedies. Upon a finding that an illegal eviction has occurred, the court shall ~~take~~ find one or both of the following actions.

A. The tenant ~~shall~~ is entitled to recover actual damages or \$100 \$500, whichever is greater.

B. The tenant ~~shall~~ is entitled to recover the aggregate amount of costs and expenses determined by the court to have been reasonably incurred on ~~his~~ the tenant's behalf in connection with the prosecution or defense of such action, together with a reasonable amount for attorneys' fees.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases the amount of damages a tenant may recover for illegal evictions from \$100 to \$500.