

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 985

S.P. 359

In Senate, March 28, 1995

**An Act to Amend the Law Dealing with Agreements for Recovery of
Personal Property.**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAREY of Kennebec.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §1869, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

6 **5. Sue for compensatory fee; application.** A person who
8 sues an owner for a compensatory fee to which the person is not
10 entitled is liable to the owner for attorney's fees and any other
12 related costs of litigation. This subsection applies to any suit
14 that was filed on or after January 1, 1994.

14 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

16 This bill allows an owner of recovered property who is
18 wrongfully sued for a compensatory fee to be reimbursed for any
 attorney's fee and other costs of litigation by the person who
 brought the suit. The bill also makes the provision applicable
 to suits that were filed on or after January 1, 1994.