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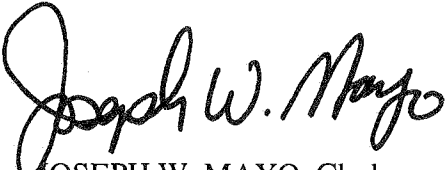
No. 1462

H.P. 1045

House of Representatives, March 11, 1997

**An Act Regarding Responsibility for Payment of Alimony Fees in
Proceedings to Modify a Divorce Decree.**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMERON of Rumford.

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §105 is enacted to read:

§105. Attorney's fees for modifications

The moving party or petitioner filing a motion or petition to amend a divorce judgment or modify or terminate an award of parental rights and responsibilities, rights of access of visitation or child support shall pay 20% of the attorney's fees generated in filing and prosecuting the motion or petition. The moving party's or petitioner's responsibility for this portion of the attorney's fees applies regardless of ability to pay. The court may increase the percentage of attorney's fees for which the moving party or petitioner is responsible.

SUMMARY

This bill makes the moving party or petitioner seeking to alter a domestic relations judgment or decree responsible for at least 20% of the attorney's fees generated in filing and prosecuting the motion or petition, regardless of the moving party's or petitioner's ability to pay.