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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 889, L.D. 1181, Bill, "An Act to Reduce Frivolous Protection from Harassment Actions"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4655, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Frivolous or dilatory actions. If the court determines that the petition is frivolous or dilatory, the court may order the plaintiff to pay reasonable attorney's fees.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. It replaces the bill. It authorizes the court in a protection from harassment action to order the plaintiff to pay reasonable attorney's fees if the court determines that the petition is frivolous or dilatory.