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House of Representatives, February 28, 2001

An Act to Reduce Frivolous Protection from Harassment Actions.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. Mac Jarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative McDONOUGH of Portland. (By Request)

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4655, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:
4	1-A. Relief for plaintiff. If the court dismisses a
6	petition for a protection order or consent agreement to bring about a cessation of harassment, the court may order the
8	plaintiff to pay court costs or reasonable attorney's fees.
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14	This bill allows a court that dismisses a petition for a protective order to order the plaintiff to pay court fees or reasonable attorney's fees.