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S.P. 343

In Senate, February 25, 2003

An Act To Ensure Fairness in Payment of Superior Court Witness Fees by Counties

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §118-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§118-A. Law enforcement officer; reimbursement**

8 **1. Testimony.** The court shall reimburse an employer of a
10 law enforcement officer who testifies in Superior Court in a
pretrial hearing for a Class D or Class E crime a flat fee of \$50
for each day or part of a day that a law enforcement officer is
12 physically present.

14 **2. Reimbursement.** The Administrative Office of the Courts
16 shall use the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund, as
established in section 173, subsection 4-B, to reimburse
employers pursuant to subsection 1.

18 **SUMMARY**

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22 This bill requires a Superior Court to reimburse an employer
24 from the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund a flat fee of
\$50 per day or part of a day for any officer employed by that
employer who testifies at a pretrial hearing for a Class D or
Class E crime.