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House of Representatives, March 20, 2003

### **An Act To Amend the Procedure for Maine Human Rights Commission Hearings**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BENNETT of Caribou.  
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and  
Representatives: MILLS of Farmington, NORBERT of Portland, RICHARDSON of  
Brunswick, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4612, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

6 1-A. Administrative dismissal. If the complainant fails to  
8 appear in person at any meeting scheduled by the commission or  
10 its designated representative, or if the complainant fails to be  
12 available for any telephone conferences scheduled by the  
14 commission or its designated representative, then the complaint  
16 must be administratively dismissed.

18 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §4612, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 462,  
20 Pt. A, §7, is repealed.

22 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §4622, sub-§1, ¶¶A and B**, as amended by PL 1993,  
24 c. 327, §3, are further amended to read:

26 A. Dismissed the case under section 4612, subsection 2, or

28 B. Failed, within 90 days after finding reasonable grounds  
30 to believe that unlawful discrimination occurred, to enter  
32 into a conciliation agreement to which the plaintiff was a  
34 party ~~or~~.

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §4622, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.  
327, §4, is repealed.

### SUMMARY

30 This bill requires the complainant in a Maine Human Rights  
32 Commission action to appear at all fact-finding conferences or  
34 the complaint will be dismissed and gives the commission  
additional time to complete its investigation.