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House of Representatives, March 25, 2003

**An Act Relating to the Award of Attorneys' Fees and Damages
under the Maine Human Rights Act**

Submitted by the Maine Human Rights Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative NORBERT of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and
Representative: SIMPSON of Auburn.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4622, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1993, c.
327, §3, is further amended to read:

6 A. Dismissed the case under ~~section 4612, subsection 2~~ for
8 any reason;

10 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill makes clear that if a plaintiff establishes that
14 prior to filing a complaint in court, the plaintiff filed a
charge of discrimination with the Maine Human Rights Commission
and the commission dismissed the case for any reason, the court
16 may award attorneys' fees and damages if the plaintiff prevails
at trial.