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House of Representatives, January 9, 2007

An Act To Allow the Recovery of Reasonable Attorney's Fees

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HARLOW of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, HANLEY of Gardiner, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §629**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 652, §5, is further amended by
3 adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

4 A judgment in favor of an employee under this section must include, in addition to
5 the actual damages, liquidated damages equal to the amount of actual damages plus the
6 costs of suit, including reasonable attorney's fees.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill requires that a judgment in favor of an employee in an action brought
9 against an employer for an unfair agreement include, in addition to the actual damages,
10 liquidated damages equal to the amount of actual damages plus the costs of suit,
11 including reasonable attorney's fees.