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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 471, L.D. 657, Bill, "An Act To Allow the Award of Court Costs or Attorney's Fees in Protection from Harassment Actions"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 1-A (page 1, lines 3 and 4 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'1-A. Judgment against plaintiff. If a judgment is entered against the plaintiff and the court finds that the complaint is frivolous, the court may order the plaintiff to pay court costs, reasonable attorney's fees or both.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment provides that, in a protection from harassment action, if a judgment is entered against the plaintiff and the court finds that the plaintiff's complaint is frivolous, the court has discretion to award reasonable attorney's fees and court costs to the defendant, to be paid by the plaintiff.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**