

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 471

House of Representatives, February 19, 2009

### **An Act To Allow the Award of Court Costs or Attorney's Fees in Protection from Harassment Actions**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CLEARY of Houlton. (BY REQUEST)  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CONNOR of Kennebunk, CROCKETT of Bethel, EATON  
of Sullivan, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, PILON of Saco, PRIEST of Brunswick,  
SCHATZ of Blue Hill.

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

2 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4655, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

3 1-A. Dismissal. If a complaint is dismissed, the court may order the plaintiff to pay  
4 court costs or reasonable attorney's fees.

5 SUMMARY

6 This bill authorizes the court to award court costs or reasonable attorney's fees to the  
7 defendant in protection from harassment actions if the complaint is dismissed.