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H.P. 788

House of Representatives, March 15, 2011

An Act To Impose a Mandatory Minimum Award in Small Claims Actions

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative SHAW of Standish.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CURTIS of Madison, CUSHING of Hampden, DION of Portland, FOSSEL of Alna, PILON of Saco, PLUMMER of Windham, VALENTINO of Saco.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §7484-B is enacted to read:
3	§7484-B. Minimum award
4 5 6	In any proceeding under this chapter in which the plaintiff prevails, the court shall order the defendant to pay not less than \$25 as a small claims award. The court may not suspend or waive the award.
7	SUMMARY
8 9	This bill amends the small claims laws to require the court to award a minimum of \$25 to a prevailing plaintiff. This award may not be suspended or waived by the court.