

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 403

In Senate, March 25, 2021

### **An Act Authorizing the Attorney General To Enter into Contingent Fee Agreements**

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Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 23, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §131, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

3 **3. Private counsel contingent fee agreements.** Notwithstanding subsection 1 or any  
4 provision of law to the contrary, the Attorney General may employ private counsel on a  
5 contingent fee basis and may deduct from funds recovered by private counsel on behalf of  
6 the State such amounts as the Attorney General determines are due and owed under the  
7 terms of a contingent fee agreement and remit such amounts to private counsel.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill provides that the Attorney General may employ private counsel on a  
10 contingent fee basis and may deduct from funds recovered by private counsel on behalf of  
11 the State such amounts as the Attorney General determines are due and owed under the  
12 terms of a contingent fee agreement and remit such amounts to private counsel.