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**Chapter 495**  
**H.P. 1126 - L.D. 1588**

**An Act To Change the Penalties for Writing Bad Checks**

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

**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6071, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 288, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. Attorney's fees.** If the person liable does not pay the amount of the check, plus costs and interest, before the hearing, then the court may award reasonable attorney's fees to the prevailing party. In addition, the court may award to the holder of the check a civil penalty, not to exceed \$50 \$150, to be paid by the person liable for the check.

**Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §6073, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 288, §3, is amended to read:

**5.** A penalty not to exceed \$50 \$150.

Effective July 12, 2010