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An Act To Clarify the Amount of a Contract for Small Claim Purposes

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §7482, first ¶, as amended by PL 1997, c. 23, §1, is further amended to read:

~~ANotwithstanding the total amount of a debt or contract, a "small claim" means a right of action cognizable by a court if the debt or damage claimed does not exceed \$4,500 exclusive of interest and costs. It does not include an action involving the title to real estate.~~

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that in a small claim actions, notwithstanding the total amount of a debt or contract, the amount considered for jurisdictional purposes is only the debt or damage claimed.