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

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

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

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

**SUMMARY**

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