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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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

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 In any proceeding under this chapter in which the plaintiff prevails, the court shall
5 order the defendant to pay not less than \$25 as a small claims award. The court may not
6 suspend or waive the award.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill amends the small claims laws to require the court to award a minimum of
9 \$25 to a prevailing plaintiff. This award may not be suspended or waived by the court.