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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 603, L.D. 852, Bill, "An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of Law Affecting the Judicial Branch"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 14 and 15 and inserting the following:

Sec. 14. 15 MRSA §2115-A, sub-§8, as amended by PL 1979, c. 663, §110, is further amended to read:

8. Fees and costs. The Law Court shall allow reasonable counsel fees and costs for the defense of appeals under this section, to be paid by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services under Title 4, section 1801. The compensation paid by the commission may not exceed the rates established by the commission for the payment of counsel providing indigent legal services.

Sec. 15. 15 MRSA §2115-A, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 461, is amended to read:

9. Appeals to Federal Court; fees and costs. The Law Court shall allow reasonable attorneys attorney's fees for court appointed counsel when the State appeals a judgment to any Federal Court or to the United States Supreme Court on certiorari. Any fees allowed pursuant to this subsection shall must be paid out of the accounts of the Judicial Department Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services under Title 4, section 1801. The compensation paid by the commission may not exceed the rates established by the commission for the payment of counsel providing indigent legal services.'

SUMMARY

The bill requires attorney's fees for the defense of appeals by the State to be paid by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services. This amendment provides that the compensation paid by the commission may not exceed the rates established by the commission for the payment of counsel providing indigent legal services.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT