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An Act To Impose a Mandatory Minimum Award in Small Claims Actions

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §7484-B is enacted to read:

§ 7484-B. Minimum award

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

SUMMARY

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