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Sponsor(s): Representatives Lantz, Morrell, Clibborn and Rockefeller

Brief Description: Including expert witness fees in "reasonable expenses." (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Modifying frivolous lawsuit provisions.)

HB 3201.E - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/16/04)

Provides that, in any civil action, the court having jurisdiction shall, upon written findings by the judge that the action, counterclaim, cross-claim, third party claim, or defense was frivolous and advanced without reasonable cause, require the nonprevailing party to pay the prevailing party the reasonable expenses, including fees of attorneys and expert witnesses, incurred in opposing such action, counterclaim, cross-claim, third party claim, or defense.