

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5189

To amend title 28, United States Code, to provide that a reasonable attorney's fee shall be awarded as a part of the cost to prevailing defendants in Federal civil actions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 5, 1994

Mr. LIVINGSTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Frivolous Suit Reduc-
5 tion Act of 1994".

1 **SEC. 2. ATTORNEYS' FEES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 123 of title 28, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
4 ing:

5 **“§ 1932. Attorneys’ fees**

6 “In any civil action in a court of the United States,
7 the court shall award a prevailing defendant a reasonable
8 attorney’s fee as part of the costs.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
10 at the beginning of chapter 123 of title 28, United States
11 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
12 item:

“1932. Attorneys’ fees.”.

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