

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Sentences for Leaving the Scene of an Accident which  
Results in Death or Injury.**

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 893 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:  
§ 893. Accidents involving death or personal injury

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible, but shall then forthwith return to the scene. The driver shall remain at the scene of the accident until he has given his name, address and the registration number of the vehicle he is driving, and shall, upon request and if available, exhibit his operator's license to the person struck or the driver or occupant of any vehicle collided with, and shall render to any person injured in the accident reasonable assistance.

A violation of this section is a Class D crime.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 894, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:  
§ 894. Accidents involving damage to vehicle

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage to a vehicle which is driven or attended by any person shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible, but shall forthwith return to the scene and in every event shall remain at the scene of the accident until he has given his name, address and the registration number of the vehicle he is driving, and exhibited, upon request and if

available, his operator's license to the driver or occupant of or person attending any vehicle with which he collided.

A violation of this section is a Class E crime.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 896 is repealed.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA § 899 is amended to read:

§ 899. Statewide application

Sections 893, 894 and ~~896~~ to, 897 and 898 shall apply upon any way or in any other place in the State.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This new draft removes the mandatory sentence provisions but makes the 2 crimes Class D and E crimes, which is an increase of the penalties.