

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 159

H. P. 591 House of Representatives, Jan. 28, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Farris of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

AN ACT to Prevent Fraudulent Concealment or Transfer of
Property After Causing Damages in Motor Vehicle Acci-
dents.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation who owns, operates and controls motor vehicles operated on the highways of this state to fraudulently conceal, transfer or dispose of his, their or its property, either real or personal after an accident in which the motor vehicle owned or operated by any person, firm or corporation shall have caused damage to property or injury to a person or persons, resulting directly from the negligent operation of same, and whoever knowingly aids or assists a person, firm or corporation in a fraudulent transfer or concealment of his, their or its property to secure it from persons who have sustained property damage, or personal injuries by reason of the negligent operation of a motor vehicle on the highways of this state, and to prevent its attachment or seizure on execution is liable to any plaintiff suing for damages by reason of such concealment in an action on the case, in double the amount of the property so fraudulently transferred or concealed, not exceeding double the amount of such plaintiff's judgment and costs in the execution based on such negligence.

Sect. 2. A violation of the preceding section shall constitute a misdemeanor. Any person, firm or corporation convicted of the violation of the provisions of this act shall be fined one thousand (\$1000) dollars to be paid to the state treasurer.

Sect. 3. Municipal courts are hereby given jurisdiction over the enforcement of final disposition of any violation of the provisions of this act.