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**CHAPTER 626**  
**H. P. 1626 — L. D. 1736**

**AN ACT to Amend the Law Regarding the Reporting of Accidents under the Motor Vehicle Laws.**

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

**Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 891, 3rd ¶, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 544, § 97, is further amended to read:**

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injuries to or death of any person or property damage to the apparent amount of ~~\$200~~ **\$300** or more, or some person acting for him, or the owner of said vehicle having knowledge of the accident should the operator of same be unknown, shall, immediately by the quickest means of communication, give notice of the accident either to a state police officer, or to the nearest state police field office, or to the sheriff's office, or to a deputy sheriff, within the county wherein the accident occurred, or to the office of the police department, or to an officer, of the municipality wherein the accident occurred.

**Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 891, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 480, §§ 1-3 is further amended by adding after the 3rd paragraph a new paragraph to read:**

**A driver of a vehicle involved in a reportable accident, who fails or refuses to give his correct name and address when requested by an officer at the scene, is guilty of a Class E crime.**

**Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 891, 4th paragraph, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 689, § 3, is further amended to read:**

Every law enforcement officer, who investigates a motor vehicle accident of which a report is required, shall, either at the time and scene of the accident or elsewhere, interview participants and witnesses and shall, ~~within 48 hours after completing the investigation~~ **5 days from the time of notification of the accident,** transmit his written report to the Chief of the State Police ~~on accident form No. 1320 furnished by said Chief of the State Police and such~~ **that** report shall contain all available information.

Effective July 3, 1980