

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 204

H. P. 153

House of Representatives, January 15, 1963

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Davis of Calais.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Reciprocity Under Financial Responsibility Law.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 79, repealed and replaced. Section 79 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘Sec. 79. Application to nonresidents and accidents in other states.

I. Nonresidents. Sections 75 to 82 shall apply to any person who is not a resident of this State, and if such nonresident has failed to furnish security or to give proof of his financial responsibility, then and in such event such nonresident shall not operate any motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer in this State nor shall any motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer owned by him be operated within this State by any person. The Secretary of State shall not issue to such nonresident any operator’s license or register any motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer owned by such nonresident in the same manner as required with respect to a resident of this State. The operation by a nonresident, or with his express or implied consent if an owner, of a motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer on a public way of the State shall be deemed equivalent to an appointment by such nonresident of the Secretary of State or his successor in office to be his true and lawful attorney, upon whom may be served all lawful processes in any action against him, growing out of any accident in which said nonresident may be involved while so operating or so permitting to be operated a motor vehicle on such a way.

II. Information to home state. When a nonresident’s operating privilege is suspended pursuant to section 77, the Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of the record of such action to the official in charge of the is-

suance of licenses and registration certificates in the state in which such nonresident resides, if the law of such other state provides for action in relation thereto similar to that provided for in subsection III.

III. Accidents in other states. Upon receipt of such certification that the operating privilege of a resident of this State has been suspended or revoked in any such other state pursuant to a law providing for its suspension or revocation for failure to deposit security for the payment of judgments arising out of a motor vehicle accident, or for failure to deposit both security and proof of financial responsibility, under circumstances which require the Secretary of State to suspend a nonresident's operating privilege had the accident occurred in this State, the Secretary of State shall suspend the license of such resident and all of his registrations certificates and registration plates. Such suspension shall continue until such resident furnishes evidence of his compliance with the law of such other state relating to the deposit of such security; and until such resident files proof of financial responsibility if required by such law.'