

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 102ND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 567, L. D. 1580, Bill, "An Act Relating to Liability for Damages for Tortious Conduct of Charitable Corporations."

Amend said Bill in the Title by inserting before the period the words 'and Governmental Agencies '

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec.1.'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Sec. 2 R.S., T. 14, §157, additional. Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 157 to read as follows:

<u>'§ 157. --Governmental agencies</u>

The State of Maine or any political subdivision thereof or any quasi-municipal corporation or quasi-governmental agency, whether acting in its governmental or proprietary capacity, shall be liable for damages arising out of its negligent operation of a motor vehicle. Each policy of insurance issued to such governmental agency shall contain a provision to the effect that the insurer shall be estopped from asserting, as a defense to any claim covered by said policy, that such governmental agency is immune from liability on the ground that it is a governmental agency. The amount of damages in any such case shall not exceed the limits of coverage specified in the policy, and the courts shall abate any verdict in any such action to the extent that it exceeds such policy limit.

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