

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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H. P. 457

House of Representatives, February 5, 1969

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Noyes of Limestone.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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**RESOLVE, to Compensate Mary Ann Blaisdell for Loss Due to Lack of Adequate Accident Liability Insurance on State Contracted Vehicles.**

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**Mary Ann Blaisdell; compensated. Resolved:** That there is appropriated from the General Highway Fund the sum of \$10,000 to be paid to Mary Ann Blaisdell for failure of the State to require adequate public liability insurance on state contracted vehicles engaged in hazardous public service in contrast to the public liability insurance requirements of a state owned vehicle engaged in the same type of public work.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

U. S. Air Force Captain Maurice Blaisdell, a pilot in excellent health, age 38, was killed in a motor vehicle accident on January 28, 1967 near New Sharon with a State Highway Patrol vehicle, an independent contractor contracted by the State, on public road duty at the time. The truck owners' insurer, after careful investigation, concluded that there was negligence and a settlement was made on behalf of the insured with the serviceman's widow, executrix of her husband's estate, representing  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the insurance coverage, there being evidence of comparative negligence. The personal injury and liability coverage of this State contracted vehicle was \$10,000 and allowed as such by the State, while at the same time a state owned vehicle doing the same work had coverage of at least \$100,000. Since this accident coverage of state contracted vehicles for accident liability insurance has been increased. Captain Blaisdell was survived by his wife, Mary Ann Blaisdell and three children, ages 6, 3 and 2.