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## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 104th LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 557, L. D. 738, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Governmental Immunity in Civil Actions."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

\*S157. Government agencies ...

In all civil actions arising out of the use, ownership or operation of a motor vehicle against the State of Maine or any political subdivision thereof or any quasi-municipal corporation, the defense of sovereign immunity is abolished during the period a policy of insurance is effective covering the liability of such governmental agency. The insurer of said government or governmental agency 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.'

Filed by Mr. Hewes of Cape Elizabeth.

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