

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 544

H. P. 417

House of Representatives, February 3, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cooney of Webster.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Reporting of Motor Vehicle Accidents.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 891, amended. The first sentence of the 3rd paragraph of section 891 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 311 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injuries to or death of any person or property damage to the estimated amount of \$100 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 within the county wherein the accident occurred, or to the office of the police department of the municipality wherein the accident occurred~~ to the office of the police department of the municipality wherein the accident occurred, or if the accident did not occur in a municipality or if the municipality does not have a police department, then notice shall be given to the nearest state police field office.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Due to wording of the present statute allowing an individual to report an accident to any state police officer, it is practically impossible to prove a violation of this section. This amendment would limit those individuals or agencies to whom an accident may be reported and thus facilitate prosecution for a violation of this section.