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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Reporting of Traffic Accidents.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 783, sub-§ 1, amended. The first sentence of subsection 1 of section 783 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Where an accident has resulted in bodily injury to or death of any person, or in property damage to an apparent extent of ~~\$100~~ \$200 or more, the accident report required by section 891 shall contain, in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State information to enable the Secretary of State to determine whether the requirements for the deposit of security and proof of financial responsibility are inapplicable by reason of the existence of insurance or other exceptions specified in this section.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 783, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, amended. The first paragraph of paragraph A of subsection 2 of section 783 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Upon receipt by him of the report of an accident, which has resulted in death, bodily injury or property damage to an apparent extent of ~~\$100~~ \$200 or more, the Secretary of State shall, 30 days following the date of request for compliance with the 2 following requirements, suspend the license or the right to obtain a license, or revoke the right to operate of any person operating, and the registration certificates and registration plates of any person owning a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer in any manner involved in such accident, or the right to register the same unless such operator or owner or both:

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 29, § 891, amended. The first sentence of the 3rd paragraph of section 891 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 311 of the public laws of 1965, is further 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~~ **apparent** amount of ~~\$100~~ **\$200** 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.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 29, § 891, amended. The first sentence of the 6th paragraph of section 891 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or property damage to the ~~estimated~~ **apparent** amount of ~~\$100~~ **\$200** or more, or some person acting for him, shall, within 48 hours after the accident, make a written report of it to the Chief of the State Police.