

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1524

H. P. 1089

House of Representatives, March 26, 1975

Speaker laid before the House and on motion of Mr. Stubbs of Hallowell, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stubbs of Hallowell.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Require that Motor Vehicles Registered in this State
Carry Liability Insurance.

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

29 MRSA § 833 is enacted to read:

§ 833. Liability insurance required for certain motor vehicles

1. Liability insurance required. The owner of any motor vehicles registered in this State, principally garaged in this State or using the public ways of this State shall have procured insurance or a bond, having a surety company authorized to transact business in this State or 2 individuals as sureties thereon, in the amount of \$25,000 because of bodily injury or death to any one person, in the amount of \$50,000 because of bodily injury to or death of 2 or more persons in any one accident, and in the amount of \$15,000 because of injury to and destruction of property in any one accident, which insurance or bond shall be approved by the Secretary of State and shall indemnify the insured against any legal liability for personal injury, the death of any person or property damage, which injury, death or damage may result from or have been caused by the operation of the motor vehicle described in the contract of insurance or such bond. The Secretary of State shall not approve the policy or bond unless it provides primary coverage for the operator as well as the owner.

2. Penalty. Any person or corporation who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$2,500 or by imprisonment for not more than one month, or by both.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require all owners of motor vehicles registered, principally garaged or using the public ways of this State to carry liability insurance. No victim of a traffic accident should suffer loss because the driver or owner of the vehicle causing that accident did not carry automobile liability insurance.