

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 874

H. P. 692

House of Representatives, March 9, 1977

On motion of Mr. Dow of West Gardiner, referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Locke of Sebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Concerning Damage to Cars Involved in Collision with Deer.

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

¹² MRSA § 2951, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 772, § 20, is further amended to read:

The resident owner of every motor vehicle which has ~~been substantially damaged~~ encountered apparent damage by accidental collision with a deer or moose shall, by the quickest means, report the accident to a game warden.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that the owner of a motor vehicle which has encountered apparent damage from collision with a deer may, after following statutory procedures, keep the deer carcass. The statute presently requires that the damage be "substantial," a term whose vagueness has caused many arguments between owners of damaged vehicles and fish and wildlife wardens. This bill, by requiring that the damage be only apparent, will eliminate these arguments.