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H. P. 459

House of Representatives, February 15, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Hobbins of Saco, referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents.

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

29 MRSA § 891, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 694, § 516, is further amended by adding after the 4th paragraph the following new paragraphs:

Fatal motor vehicle accidents and those personal injury accidents which are of such significance that death may later ensue shall only be investigated by police officers who have satisfactorily met the training standards of full-time police officers and have attended the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this section relating to the submission of investigative reports is a Class E crime.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to insure that serious injury accidents and fatalities be properly investigated by trained police officers who have attended prescribed courses of training in accident investigation.

Presently, part-time police personnel can and sometimes do investigate such accidents.