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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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SENATE AMENDMENT B"to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT A" to H.P. 636, L.D. 787, Bill, "AN ACT to Increase the Dollar Amount of an Accident that Must be Reported from \$200 to \$500."

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the 3rd paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §891, first ¶, is amended to read:

The Chief of the State Police shall prepare and shall supply to police and sheriffs' offices and other suitable agencies forms of accident reports calling for sufficiently detailed information to disclose, with reference/-a-nighway-accident an accident on a public way or any place where public traffic may reasonably be anticipated the cause, conditions then existing and the persons and vehicles involved.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA $\S 891$, 2nd \P , as amended by PL 1973, c. 689, $\S 2$, is further amended to read:

The Chief of the State Police shall receive accident reports required by law and shall tabulate and analyze such reports and may publish annually, or at more frequent intervals, statistical information based thereon as to the number, cause and location of highway-accidents an accident on a public way or any place where public traffic may reasonably be anticipated.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §891, 3rd ¶, first sentence, as amended by PL 1971, c. 544, §97, is further amended to read:

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injuries to or death of any person or property damage to the apparent amount of \$200 \$300 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, or to a deputy sheriff, within the county wherein the accident occurred, or to the office of the police department, or to an officer, of the municipality wherein the accident occurred.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §891, 6th ¶, first sentence, as amended by PL 1973, c. 689, §4, is further amended to read:

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or property damage to the apparent amount of \$200 \$300 or more, or some person acting for him, shall, within 48 hours after the accident, make a written report of it to the Secretary of State, on forms provided by said Secretary of State.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide that information be furnished on accidents on public ways or any places where public traffic may reasonably be anticipated rather than merely on highways.

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