

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-404) 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" "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 bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT to Increase the Dollar Amount of an Accident That Must be Reported to the Secretary of State from \$200 to \$300.'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'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 the Secretary of State.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment increased the dollar amount of accident required by law to be reported to the Secretary of State from \$200 to \$300. This change does not affect the financial responsibility law. Any uninsured motorist who is involved in an accident involving \$200 of damage or more is subject to the COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" TO H.P. 636, L.D. 787 -2-

financial responsibility law. The purpose of this amendment is to reduce the amount of work and the need for additional people to administer the reports. The rate of inflation has made the \$200 limit unnecessary.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Transportation Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House. 5/14/79 (Filing No. H-404)