

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 787

H. P. 636

House of Representatives, February 26, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Carroll of Limerick, referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Doukas of Portland.

Cosponsors: Mr. Michael of Auburn, Mr. Tierney of Lisbon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Increase the Dollar Amount of an Accident that Must be Reported
from \$200 to \$500.**

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

Sec. 1. 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~~ **\$500** 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. 2. 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~~ **\$500** 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 bill is to increase from \$200 to \$500 the amount of damages that have to occur in a motor vehicle accident before it has to be reported.