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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1626, L.D. 1736, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Law Regarding the Reporting of Accidents under the Motor Vehicle Laws."

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §891, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 480, §§1 - 3 is further amended by adding after the 3rd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

A driver of a vehicle involved in a reportable accident, who fails or refuses to give his correct name and address when requested by an officer at the scene, is guilty of a class E crime.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Every law enforcement officer, who investigates a motor vehicle accident/^{of a}which report is required, shall, either at the time and scene of the accident or elsewhere, interview participants and witnesses and shall within ~~48-hours-after-completing-the-investigati~~^{the} 5 days from the time of notification of/accident, transmit his written report to the Chief of the State Police ~~on accident form No. 1320 furnished by said Chief of the State Police and~~ such that report shall contain all available information.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment rewrites section 2 of the bill for clarity and establishes the penalty as ~~class E~~ ^{crime.} The amendment also removes language on administrative requirements. The Commissioner of Public Safety may require reporting on specific original forms without this requirement.

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