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L.D. 52

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 49, L.D. 52,  
Bill, "AN ACT Regarding Motor Vehicle Accident Re-  
ports."

Amend the Bill by inserting after the enacting  
clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §783, sub-§1, as repealed and  
replaced by PL 1979, c. 430, §1, is amended to read:

1. Contents of report and duty of Chief of the  
State Police. Where an accident on a public way, or  
in any place where public traffic may reasonably be  
anticipated, has resulted in bodily injury to or  
death of any person, or in property damage to an ap-  
parent extent of ~~§300~~ §500 or more, the accident re-  
port required by section 891 shall contain, in a form  
prescribed by the Secretary of State, information to  
enable the Secretary of State to determine whether  
the requirement for proof of financial responsibility  
is inapplicable by reason of the existence of insur-  
ance or other exceptions specified in this section.  
The driver, or the person acting for him in report-  
ing, shall furnish such additional relevant informa-  
tion as the Secretary of State shall require. The  
Secretary of State may rely upon the accuracy of the  
information unless and until he has reason to believe  
that the information is erroneous.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §783, sub-§2, ~~¶A~~, as repealed  
and replaced by PL 1979, c. 430, §2, is amended to  
read:

A. Upon receipt by the Secretary of State of the  
report of an accident on a public way, or in any  
place where public traffic may reasonably be an-  
ticipated, which has resulted in death, bodily

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1 injury or property damage to an apparent extent  
2 of ~~\$300~~ \$500 or more, the Secretary of State,  
3 pursuant and subject to chapter 17, shall, 30  
4 days following the date of request for compliance  
5 with the following requirement, suspend the li-  
6 cense, the right to obtain a license, or the  
7 right to operate of any person operating, and the  
8 registration certificates and registration plates  
9 or the right to register of any person owning a  
10 motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer in any man-  
11 ner involved in the accident, unless the operator  
12 and owner shall immediately give and maintain  
13 proof of financial responsibility as provided un-  
14 der section 787, subsection 2. The Secretary of  
15 State may waive the requirement of filing proof  
16 of financial responsibility at any time after 3  
17 years from the date of request for compliance,  
18 provided no further filing is required under sec-  
19 tion 782, subsection 1.'

20 Further amend the Bill in section 1, in the 5th  
21 line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the  
22 following: "\$1,000" and inserting in its place the  
23 following: '\$500'

24 Further amend the Bill in section 2, in the 5th  
25 line (page 2, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the  
26 following: "\$1,000" and inserting in its place the  
27 following: '\$500'

28 Further amend the Bill by renumbering the sec-  
29 tions to read consecutively.

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1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this amendment is to make the dam-  
3 age amount in which the financial responsibility law  
4 is invoked against the uninsured motorist consistent  
5 with the damage amount under which an accident must  
6 be reported. It also changes the amount to \$500 on  
7 all sections of the bill.

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