

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

NO. 52
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7 H.P. 49 House of Representatives, January 26, 1987
8 Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested
and ordered printed.

9 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Mayo of Thomaston.

Cosponsored by Representative Mills of Bethel.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN
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17 AN ACT Regarding Motor Vehicle Accident
18 Reports.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §891, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL
23 1979, c. 626, §1, is further amended to read:

24 The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident
25 resulting in injuries to or death of any person or
26 property damage to the apparent amount of ~~\$300~~ \$1,000
27 or more, or some person acting for him, or the owner
28 of said the vehicle having knowledge of the accident
29 should the operator of same be unknown, shall, imme-
30 diately by the quickest means of communication, give
31 notice of the accident either to a state police offi-
32 cer, or to the nearest state police field office, or
33 to the sheriff's office, or to a deputy sheriff,

1 within the county wherein the accident occurred, or
2 to the office of the police department, or to an of-
3 ficer, of the municipality wherein the accident oc-
4 curred. The absence of notice having been given to
5 the nearest state police field office or to the
6 sheriff's office within the county wherein the acci-
7 dent occurred or the office of the police department
8 of the municipality wherein the accident occurred
9 shall be deemed prima facie evidence of a violation
10 of this section. Any person failing to comply with
11 the requirements of this paragraph shall be guilty of
12 a misdemeanor. Every such notice received by any
13 such official or department shall be promptly inves-
14 tigated. If the accident results in serious bodily
15 injury or death of any person, the investigation
16 shall be conducted by an officer who has met the
17 training standards of a full-time police officer.

18 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §891, 7th ¶, as amended by PL
19 1979, c. 480, §3, is further amended to read:

20 The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident
21 resulting in injury to or death of any person or
22 property damage to the apparent amount of ~~\$300~~ \$1,000
23 or more, or some person acting for him, shall, within
24 48 hours after the accident, make a written report of
25 it to the Secretary of State, on forms provided by
26 ~~said the~~ Secretary of State. The Secretary of State
27 may require drivers of vehicles involved in any such
28 accident to file supplemental reports whenever the
29 original report is insufficient in the opinion of the
30 Secretary of State.

31 STATEMENT OF FACT

32 The purpose of this bill is to increase the mini-
33 mum property damage amount over which a motor vehicle
34 accident must be filed from \$300 to \$1,000.

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