

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. 125

7 S.P. 58

In Senate, January 28, 1987

8 Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and
9 ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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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 Relating to High Speed Chases and the
18 Penalty for Failure to Stop.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §2501-A, sub-§2, as amended by
23 PL 1981, c. 117, §2, is further amended to read:

24 2. Failure to stop. It is unlawful for the oper-
25 ator of any motor vehicle to fail or refuse to stop
26 that vehicle upon request or signal of any uniformed
27 law enforcement officer. Failure to comply with this
28 subsection is a ~~Class E~~ Class C crime.

29 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §2501-A, sub-§3, as amended by
30 PL 1983, c. 181, §1, is further amended to read:

1 3. Eluding an officer. Whoever, after being re-
2 requested or signaled to stop, attempts to elude a law
3 enforcement officer by driving a vehicle at a reck-
4 less rate of speed which results in a high-speed
5 chase between the operator's vehicle and any law en-
6 forcement vehicle using a blue light or siren is
7 guilty of a ~~Class D~~ Class C crime. If any person suf-
8 fers any serious bodily injury, as defined in Title
9 17-A, section 2, subsection 23, as a result of the
10 operator's attempt to elude a law enforcement officer
11 as described in this section, that operator commits a
12 ~~Class E~~ Class B crime.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

14 The purpose of this bill is to increase the pen-
15 alty for failure to stop for a police officer and
16 eluding a police officer to a Class C crime. In ad-
17 dition, this bill increases the penalty for causing
18 serious bodily injury due to the attempt to elude an
19 officer from a Class C crime to a Class B crime.

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