

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1221

H.P. 909 House of Representatives, April 10, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Representatives COTE of Auburn and THISTLE
of Dover-Foxcroft.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Apportion Fault under the
Comparative Negligence Law.

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

6 14 MRSA §156, 4th ¶, as enacted by PL 1965, c.
7 424, is repealed.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill institutes a system in which a plaintiff's recovery in a civil suit would be reduced by whatever percentage the jury found the plaintiff to blame for the accident. No longer would a plaintiff's recovery be barred because he is 50% at fault. This would give the State a pure comparative negligence law.

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