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House of Representatives, February 23, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representative STEVENS of Bangor, Representative JOSEPH of Waterville and Senator ESTES of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Require Mandatory Checking of Motorists' Maintenance of Financial Responsibility.



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

29 MRSA §780, sub-\$2, as amended by PL 1987, c. 789, §16, is further amended to read:

2. Evidence of insurance or financial responsibility. Every When a law enforcement officer stops an operator or owner of a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer registered in this State shall for a moving violation or the operator is involved in an accident which must be reported under section 891, the officer shall request that the operator present evidence of motor vehicle liability insurance or financial responsibility upon-the-request-of-a-law-enforcement-officer-if-the-operator-is-stepped-for-a moving-violation-or-is-involved-in-an-accident-which-shall-be reported-under-section-891.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is consistent with Public Law 1987, chapter 341, which requires motorists to maintain proof of financial responsibility. This bill clarifies that the law enforcement officer making the stop must ask the operator for proof of financial responsibility.