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House of Representatives, March 29, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Representative TRACY of Rome, Representative GARLAND of Bangor and Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealership Insurance Coverage Laws.

Comment of the commen

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

29 MRSA $\S 832$, 2nd \P , as amended by PL 1973, c. 585, $\S 12$, is further amended to read:

The Insurance Superintendent of Insurance shall not approve the policy unless it provides coverage for the operator as well as the owner, but if the operator is a person other than the named insured,—his or the agent or employee of the named insured, the—policy—may—provide—that any such coverage for such the operator shall not apply except to the extent that the limits of liability of any other valid and collectible insurance available to such the operator are not equal to the limits of liability specified herein, in which event any such other valid and collectible insurance available to the operator shall be primary insurance as to the operator notwithstanding anything to the contrary in such other policy.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill clarifies that primary coverage will be the individual coverage of a person utilizing a vehicle owned by a dealership. The dealer's policy will still be available to protect any 3rd party injured. This provision clarifies the existing law which states that the dealer's policy may provide that the dealer's coverage is not primary coverage.