

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 28, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Establish a Reward for Reports of Operating under the
Influence Offenses.**



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

4 29 MRSA §1312-K is enacted to read:

6 §1312-K. Reward for reports of operating under the influence
offenses

8 1. Reward. The Attorney General may establish a program to
provide rewards for persons providing substantial evidence
10 leading to a conviction under section 1312-B or 2184.

12 A. A law enforcement officer is not eligible for a reward.

14 B. A reward must be in an amount appropriate to the value
of the evidence provided but may not exceed \$1,000 for each
16 person providing evidence or for each conviction resulting
from evidence provided.

18 C. There is established a nonlapsing fund called the OUI
20 Reward Fund that is maintained by the Treasurer of State for
the purposes of this subsection.

22 D. A surcharge of 10% is added to every fine, forfeiture or
24 penalty imposed by a court under section 1312-B or 2184 and,
for the purpose of collection or collection procedures, is
26 considered a part of the fine, forfeiture or penalty. Funds
collected through this surcharge must be deposited each
28 month in the OUI Reward Fund.

30 E. The Treasurer of State shall make reward payments from
the OUI Reward Fund as directed by the Attorney General.

32 F. The Attorney General may establish by rule, in
34 accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act,
procedures for identifying potential recipients, nomination
36 methods, application forms, standards for determining
eligibility for and amounts of awards and other procedures
38 determined necessary.

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42 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

44 This bill establishes a reward program for information
46 leading to conviction of offenders for operating under the
influence and operating after suspension. The bill also
48 establishes an OUI Reward Fund that is maintained by the
Treasurer of State and under the jurisdiction of the Attorney
General.