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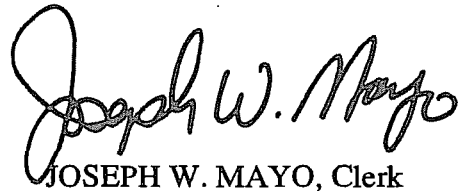
No. 642

H.P. 484

House of Representatives, February 23, 1993

An Act to Strengthen Laws Against Uninsured Motorists.

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BENNETT of Norway.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §783, sub-§2, ¶G is enacted to read:

6 G. The Secretary of State shall notify the State Police in
8 writing of any judgment that has been rendered against the
10 operator of the motor vehicle involved in the accident,
12 which judgment resulted from a cause of action that arose
14 from that accident. Upon receipt of the written notice, the
16 State Police shall immediately impound any motor vehicle
18 owned by the operator until the judgment is completely
20 satisfied or until the judgment debtor or debtors have
22 secured a written release, in the form required by the
24 Secretary of State, from the judgment creditors or an
26 installment payment agreement is filed with the Secretary of
28 State pursuant to section 783-A. The Secretary of State
30 shall notify the State Police in writing when the judgment
32 is satisfied or a written release or installment payment
agreement is obtained. Upon receipt of the Secretary of
State's written notice, the State Police shall release the
operator's motor vehicles from impoundment.

STATEMENT OF FACT

26 This bill requires the State Police to impound the vehicles
28 owned by the operator of a motor vehicle when the operator does
30 not possess the required motor vehicle liability insurance or
32 bond, has been in an accident with a vehicle and has had a court
judgment arising from the accident rendered against the
operator. The vehicles must remain impounded until the court
judgment is satisfied.