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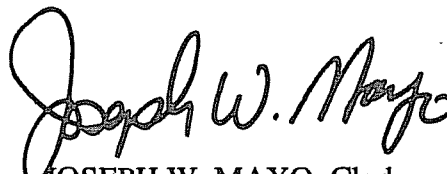
H.P. 556   House of Representatives, March 2, 1993

An Act to Ensure Complete Motor Vehicle Accident Reports.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Joseph W. Mayo

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BENNETT of Norway.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §891, 5th ¶, as amended by PL 1991, c. 388, §6, is further amended to read:

Every law enforcement officer who investigates a motor vehicle accident for which a report is required shall _interview_, either at the time and scene of the accident or elsewhere, ~~interview~~ participants and witnesses and shall _transmit_, within 5 days from the time of notification of the accident, ~~transmit~~ the original written report to the Chief of the State Police ~~and that.~~ That report must contain all available information, _including the officer's determination of which driver was at fault in the accident. The investigating officer shall write "undetermined" in cases where fault was not determined. The Chief of the State Police shall provide a copy of each report to the Secretary of State._

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires the investigating officer to include on each motor vehicle accident report a determination of which driver was at fault or to write "undetermined" in cases where fault was not determined. The bill also requires that these reports be provided to the Secretary of State. This information will then be available to insurance companies that request copies of these reports.