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H.P. 57

House of Representatives, January 9, 2001

**An Act to Prohibit Cancellation of an Automobile Insurance Policy after
an Accident Involving a Deer or Moose.**

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and
Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CLARK of Millinocket, DESMOND of
Mapleton, DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, GOODWIN of Pembroke,
JONES of Greenville, RICHARD of Madison.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2916-A, sub-§2, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1979,
c. 336, §1, is amended to read:

6 C. Only the operator of another motor vehicle involved in
8 the accident was convicted of a crime, offense or violation
contributing to the accident; e~~x~~

10 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2916-A, sub-§2, ¶D,** as amended by PL 1999,
12 c. 617, §2, is further amended to read:

14 D. The named insured or other operator of the motor vehicle
insured under the policy or the insurer of the policy, was
16 reimbursed by or on behalf of, a person responsible for the
accident or has a judgment against that person; or

18 **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2916-A, sub-§2, ¶E** is enacted to read:

20 E. The accident involved a single car colliding with a deer
22 or a moose.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 Under the Maine Automobile Insurance Cancellation Control
28 Act, certain occurrences involving a motor vehicle are not
considered an accident for purposes of determining whether an
insurer may cancel an insured's automobile insurance policy
30 because the insured has been involved in motor vehicle
accidents. This bill provides that an accident involving a
32 single car colliding with a deer or moose is not considered an
accident for purposes of the Maine Automobile Insurance
34 Cancellation Control Act.