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House of Representatives, March 8, 2005

**An Act To Create the Crime of Vehicular Manslaughter for Persons
Who, while Committing a Traffic Infraction, Cause the Death of
Another Person**

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative DUPREY of Hampden. (BY REQUEST)

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

4 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §214** is enacted to read:

6 **§214. Vehicular manslaughter**

8 1. A person commits the strict liability crime of vehicular
10 manslaughter if that person, while operating a motor vehicle and
committing a traffic infraction, causes the death of another
person.

12 2. Vehicular manslaughter is a Class D crime.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill creates the crime of vehicular manslaughter, which
18 is defined as causing the death of another person while operating
20 a motor vehicle and committing a traffic infraction. Vehicular
manslaughter is a strict liability Class D crime.