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No. 734

S.P. 271

In Senate, February 26, 2009

**An Act To Provide for Treble Damages for Injuries Caused by a
Person under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: BLISS of Cumberland, Representatives: HILL of York, PRIEST of Brunswick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §1455** is enacted to read:

3 **§1455. Negligent conduct involving alcohol or illegal drugs**

4 In an action where a defendant is found negligent while operating a motor vehicle
5 under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, in addition to compensatory damages for
6 bodily injury caused by that negligence the defendant is liable for an amount equal to 2
7 times the compensatory damages.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill allows for treble recovery of compensatory damages for bodily injury
10 caused by negligence involving operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol
11 or illegal drugs.