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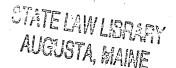
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S.P. 271

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.

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: |
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| 2 | Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §1455 is enacted to read: |
| 3 | §1455. Negligent conduct involving alcohol or illegal drugs |
| 4 5 6 7 | In an action where a defendant is found negligent while operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, in addition to compensatory damages for bodily injury caused by that negligence the defendant is liable for an amount equal to 2 times the compensatory damages. |
| 8 | SUMMARY |
| 9 10 11 | This bill allows for treble recovery of compensatory damages for bodily injury caused by negligence involving operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. |