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An Act To Increase the Penalty for Failing To Carry Proof of Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Senator PLUMMER of Cumberland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

- 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1605, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6. Operating without giving proof. A person commits a Class  $\not \equiv \not D$  crime if that person is required to maintain proof of financial responsibility and, without authorization from the Secretary of State and without that proof, operates a vehicle or knowingly permits a vehicle owned by that person to be operated by another on a public way.

8 Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1605, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

6-A. Operating. A person commits a Class C crime if that person is required to
maintain proof of financial responsibility and, without authorization from the Secretary of
State and without that proof, operates a vehicle or knowingly permits a vehicle owned by
that person to be operated by another on a public way and that vehicle is involved in an
accident that results in severe bodily injury while on that public way.

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## SUMMARY

15 This bill makes it a Class C crime if a person who is required to maintain proof of 16 financial responsibility operates a vehicle, or allows the operation of that vehicle, on a 17 public way without such proof and that vehicle is involved in an accident that results in 18 severe bodily injury while being operated on the public way. This bill also increases from 19 a Class E to a Class D crime the penalty for such a person operating a vehicle or allowing 20 the operation of a vehicle without proof of financial responsibility.