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House of Representatives, February 7, 2019

An Act To Improve Reporting of Operating Under the Influence Offenses

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

ROBERT B. HUNT

Presented by Representative COREY of Windham.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and

Representatives: COOPER of Yarmouth, COSTAIN of Plymouth, NADEAU of Winslow,

PERKINS of Oakland, RECKITT of South Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators:

CARPENTER of Aroostook, DESCHAMBAULT of York.

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1544, last ¶, as amended by PL 2001, c. 399, §6, is further amended to read:

The bureau shall establish a category for abuse by adults of family or household members, a category for cruelty to animals and a category for crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or ethnicity that are supplementary to its other reported information. The bureau shall establish separate categories for offenses that involve operating under the influence of alcohol, offenses that involve operating under the influence of intoxicating substances other than alcohol and offenses that involve operating under a combination of alcohol and other intoxicating substances. The bureau shall prescribe the information to be submitted in the same manner as for all other categories of the uniform crime reports.

13 SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification to maintain separate categories in its uniform crime reporting for offenses that involve operating under the influence of alcohol, offenses that involve operating under the influence of intoxicating substances other than alcohol and offenses that involve operating under a combination of alcohol and other intoxicating substances.