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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 375, L.D 598, "An Act to Require a Vehicle Operator to Notify an Owner or Law Enforcement Officer of an Accident Involving a Dog, a Cat or Livestock"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2255, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c 683, Pt A, §2 and affected by Pt B, §5, is amended to read

1. Notification. The operator of a vehicle involved in an accident anywhere that results in property damage shall take reasonable steps to notify the owner of that property of the accident For the purposes of this section, "property damage" includes damage to real and personal property, including but not limited to the injury or death of a dog, a cat or livestock

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2255, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c 291, §4, is further amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read

If the accident results in the injury or death of a dog, a cat or livestock, the property owner cannot be located and a report of the accident is not required under section 2251, the operator shall take reasonable steps to immediately report the injury or death to a law enforcement officer or the animal control officer for the municipality or region where the property damage occurred'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill It clarifies under the law governing accidents involving property damage that property includes dogs, cats and livestock It adds a requirement that when the property damaged is a dog, a cat or livestock, the property owner cannot be located and a report is not required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A,

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1 section 2251, the operator must take reasonable steps to immediately report the incident to
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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

(H-265)

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill establishes new Class E crimes. The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional fine revenue will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts.