

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 291

S. P. 622

In Senate, March 1, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance
and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Crockett of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning Financial Responsibility for Damages
Caused by the Operation of Motor Vehicles.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter two hundred ten of the
2 public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-seven is hereby
3 amended by adding in the fourth line thereof after the
4 word "drugs" the words 'or of a violation of law relating
5 to going away without stopping and making himself known
6 after causing injury to any person or property,' so that said
7 section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 1. The secretary of state shall require from any
2 person who shall have been convicted of a violation of the

3 law relative to operating or attempting to operate a motor
4 vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or
5 drugs or of a violation of law relating to going away with-
6 out stopping and making himself known after causing in-
7 jury to any person or property or of a violation of the
8 law relating to the operation of a motor vehicle upon any
9 way recklessly, so that the lives or safety of the public are
10 in danger, by reason of the operation of a motor vehicle,
11 or from the person in whose name such motor vehicle is
12 registered or from both, proof of financial responsibility
13 to satisfy any claim for damages, by reason of personal
14 injury to or the death of any person, of at least five thou-
15 sand dollars, and for damage to property of at least one
16 thousand dollars; and, if such person or persons shall fail
17 to furnish such proof, said secretary of state may, until
18 such proof shall be furnished, suspend the registration of
19 such motor vehicle or refuse thereafter to register any mo-
20 tor vehicle owned by such person, or, if such person shall
21 not be a resident of this state, withdraw from such person
22 the privilege of operating any motor vehicle in this state
23 and the privilege of operation within this state of any mo-
24 tor vehicle owned by him, or refuse to register any motor
25 vehicle transferred by him if it shall not appear to said
26 secretary of state's satisfaction that such transfer is a bona
27 fide sale.'

Sect. 2. Section eight of chapter two hundred ten of the
2 public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-seven is hereby

3 amended by striking out the whole of said section and in-
4 serting in place thereof the following:

‘Sect. 8. Upon receipt by the secretary of state of an
2 authenticated copy of the record of the supreme or any
3 superior, municipal or police court in the state, showing
4 the rendition of judgment against any person to whom has
5 been issued a license to operate a motor vehicle, or against
6 any person, firm or corporation in whose name has been
7 issued a certificate of registration of such vehicle, showing
8 that such judgment was rendered against such defendant
9 by reason of an accident which takes place subsequent to
10 the time when this act takes effect, in which such vehicle
11 was involved, together with such further proof as may be
12 required by the secretary to satisfy him that such judgment
13 is unsatisfied in full, he shall suspend such license or cer-
14 tificate of registration, or both, until such judgment is fully
15 satisfied of record; and until such satisfaction is made, such
16 defendant shall be ineligible to receive a license to operate.’