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House of Representatives, January 19, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary in concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Financial Responsibility for Automobile Accidents.

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

R. S., c. 29, § 98, amended. Section 98 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 255 of the public laws of 1941, is hereby further amended by inserting between subsection (a) and (b), a new subsection to be numbered (a-1) to read as follows:

'(a-1) **Expenses of administration.** The secretary of state, the state controller and state auditor annually as soon as practicable after July 1st in each year shall ascertain the total amount of expenses incurred by the secretary of state during the preceding fiscal year in connection with the administration of this act. Such expenses, in addition to the total costs of personnel service, shall include the cost of maintenance and operation, the cost of retirement contributions made and workmen's compensation premiums paid by the state for or on account of personnel, rentals for space occupied in state owned or state leased buildings and all other direct or indirect costs. An itemized statement of the expenses so ascertained shall be open to public inspection in the office of the secretary of state for 30 days after notice to insurance carriers and to self-insurers and other persons liable to be assessed for such expenses before the secretary of state shall make an assessment upon them as provided in this section. The secretary of state shall thereupon assess the total amount of such expenses,

as so ascertained, upon all insurance carriers which issued a motor vehicle liability policy, as defined in Article VII of section 91 of this chapter, during such preceding year, and to all self-insurers and persons who gave proof of financial responsibility under this act by bond or deposit of money or securities during such preceding fiscal year pro rata upon all such insurance carriers, self-insurers and other persons in proportion to the number of motor vehicles in connection with which proof of financial responsibility under this act was furnished or given by them; provided that not more than the highest number of motor vehicles registered in the name of any person at any one time during such fiscal year shall be counted with respect to such person in making such assessment. For the purpose of this section, the furnishing of a certificate by an insurance carrier certifying to the issuance of a motor vehicle liability policy by it, when filed as provided in this act, shall be deemed furnishing proof of financial responsibility by it in connection with the motor vehicle or motor vehicles concerning which such certificate was issued, and each self-insurer shall be deemed to have given such proof in connection with each motor vehicle registered in the name of such self-insurer. The secretary of state shall levy and collect such assessments and pay the same into the state treasury for departmental use.'