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S. P. 296

In Senate, February 9, 1949.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Bowker of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

**AN ACT Relating to Motor Vehicle Damage by Protected Wild Animals
or Birds.**

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

R. S., c. 33, §§ 84-A, 84-B, additional. Chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections, to be numbered 84-A and 84-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 84-A. Motor vehicle damage; investigation. The owner or driver of every motor vehicle which has been damaged by a protected wild animal or bird shall, within 24 hours thereafter, report all the facts relative to such accident to a fish and game warden. The warden shall immediately investigate the case and shall give to such person a certificate of his finding in the matter. Within 60 days thereafter, the owner of such motor vehicle shall send to the commissioner the receipted repair bill of the damage claimed. The commissioner shall thereupon cause to be made such investigation as is necessary to determine the facts, and, if he finds the damage has been done as alleged and furthermore finds that the operator of the damaged motor vehicle was without blame in the case, he shall authorize payment for such damage as he determines.

Sec. 84-B. Limitation. The provisions of section 84-A shall not apply to residents of those states which do not extend similar privileges to residents of this state.'