

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 22, 1953

Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Whitney of Bridgton.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Payments of Motor Vehicle Damage By Deer.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 33, § 84-A, repealed and replaced.** Section 84-A of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

**'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; but not to exceed \$100 and crediting on said amount any indemnity received from any source whatsoever.

In case of damage to a motor vehicle as provided for herein which occurred prior to the effective date of this section and which was reported to a fish and game warden within 24 hours after such accident, the commissioner may waive the requirement that the receipted repair bill of the damage claimed shall have been sent to him within 60 days after such accident but before any authorization for payment for such damage is made he must nevertheless require a receipted repair bill.'

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

'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.'