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NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 597

House of Representatives, February 10, 1955.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Reports of Drivers of Vehicles Involved in Accidents.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 15, § 7, amended. The 1st sentence of the 3rd paragraph of section 7 of chapter 15 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injuries to or death of any person or property damage to the estimated amount of \$100 or more, or some person acting for him, **or the owner of said vehicle should the operator of same be unknown**, shall, immediately by the quickest means of communication, give notice of the accident ~~either to a state police officer, sheriff or other police official, or to the police department of the municipality wherein the accident occurred~~ to the local police department if such accident occurs within a municipality, otherwise to the office of the sheriff in the county wherein such accident occurred or to the nearest office of the State Police Department.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 15, § 7, amended. The 7th paragraph of section 7 of chapter 15 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~'Every~~ **Such** report shall be without prejudice and the fact that it was made shall be admissible in evidence solely to prove a compliance with this section, ~~but no.~~ **No** report, or any part thereof, or statement contained therein, or statement made, or testimony taken at any hearing before the Secretary of State or any of his deputies held under the provisions of section 4 of chapter 22, or decision made as a result thereof, shall be admissible in evidence for any purpose in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of such accident.'