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S. P. 286

In Senate, February 16, 1955.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Reid of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Duties of Drivers of Motor Vehicles Involved in Accidents.

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

R. S., c. 22, §§ 149-A - 149-F, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 5 new sections to be numbered 149-A to 149-F, inclusive, to read as follows :

'Sec. 149-A. Accidents involving death or personal injury. The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person shall immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of such accident or as close thereto as possible but shall then forthwith return to and in every event shall remain at the scene of the accident until he has fulfilled the requirements of section 149-C. Every such stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is necessary.

Any person failing to stop or to comply with said requirements under such circumstances shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 1 year or by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The Secretary of State shall revoke the license or permit to drive and any nonresident operating privilege of the person so convicted.

Sec. 149-B. Accidents involving damage to vehicle. The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage to a vehicle which is driven or attended by any person shall immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of such accident or as close thereto as possible but shall forthwith return to and

in every event shall remain at the scene of such accident until he has fulfilled the requirements of section 149-C. Every such stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is necessary. Any person failing to stop or comply with said requirements under such circumstances shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 149-C. Duty to give information and render aid. The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or damage to any vehicle which is driven or attended by any person shall give his name, address and the registration number of the vehicle he is driving, and shall upon request and if available exhibit his operator's license to the person struck or the driver or occupant of or person attending any vehicle collided with, and shall render to any person injured in such accident reasonable assistance, including the carrying, or the making of arrangements for the carrying, of such person to a physician, surgeon or hospital for medical or surgical treatment if it is apparent that such treatment is necessary or if such carrying is requested by the injured person.

Sec. 149-D. Duty upon striking unattended vehicle. The driver of any vehicle which collides with any vehicle which is unattended shall immediately stop and shall then and there either locate and notify the operator or owner of such vehicle of the name and address of the driver and owner of the vehicle striking the unattended vehicle or shall leave in a conspicuous place in the vehicle struck a written notice giving the name and address of the driver and of the owner of the vehicle doing the striking and a statement of the circumstances thereof.

Sec. 149-E. Duty upon striking fixtures upon a highway. The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage to fixtures or other property legally upon or adjacent to a highway shall take reasonable steps to locate and notify the owner or person in charge of such property of such fact and of his name and address and of the registration number of the vehicle he is driving and shall upon request and if available exhibit his operator's license and shall make report of such accident when and as required in section 7 of chapter 15.

Sec. 149-F. Application. The provisions of sections 149-A to 149-E, inclusive, shall apply upon highways and elsewhere throughout the State.'