

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lemelin of Fairfield.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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AN ACT Relating to Property Damage for Report Under Financial  
Responsibility Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 77, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 77 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**I. Contents of report and duty of Chief of State Police.** Where an accident has resulted in bodily injury to or death of any person, or in property damage to an apparent extent of ~~\$100~~ \$50 or more, the accident report required by ~~section 7 of chapter 15, section 7,~~ shall contain, in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State information to enable the Secretary of State to determine whether the requirements for the deposit of security and proof of financial responsibility are inapplicable by reason of the existence of insurance or other exceptions specified in this section. The driver, or the person acting for him in reporting, shall furnish such additional relevant information as the Secretary of State shall require. Immediately after receipt of any accident report required by ~~section 7 of chapter 15, section 7,~~ the Chief of the State Police shall forward said report to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may rely upon the accuracy of the information unless and until he has reason to believe that the information is erroneous.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 77, sub-§ II, ¶B, amended. Paragraph B of subsection II of section 77 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 39 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended to read as follows:

**B.** Upon receipt by him of the report of an accident other than as provided for in paragraph C of this subsection, which has resulted in death, bodily

injury, or property damage to an apparent extent of ~~\$100~~ \$50 or more, the Secretary of State shall, 30 days following the date of request for compliance with the 2 following requirements, suspend the license or revoke the right to operate of any person operating, and the registration certificates and registration plates of any person owning a motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer in any manner involved in such accident, unless such operator or owner or both: