

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-sixth Legislature

OF THE

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chapter 13 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 306 of the public laws of 1945, and as amended, are hereby further amended to read as follows: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 ~~\$50~~ \$100 or more, or some person acting for him, 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. Any person failing to comply with the requirements of this paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Every such notice received by any such official or department shall be promptly investigated.'

'The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or property damage to the estimated amount of ~~\$50~~ \$100 or more, or some person acting for him, shall, within 48 hours after the accident, make a written report of it to the chief of the state police. The chief may require drivers of vehicles involved in any such accident to file supplemental reports whenever the original report is insufficient in the opinion of the chief.'

Effective August 8, 1953

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## Chapter 113

### AN ACT Relating to Turning Movements and Required Signals for Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, § 107-A, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 107-A of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 301 of the public laws of 1951, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'No person shall turn a vehicle at an intersection unless the vehicle is in proper position upon the roadway as required in section 107, or turn a vehicle to enter a private road or driveway or otherwise turn a vehicle from a direct course, or move right or left upon a roadway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety. No person shall so turn any vehicle ~~designed for the purpose of transportation of persons, other~~

than buses without giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided in this section and sections 107-B and 107-C in the event any other traffic may be affected by such movement.'

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** The provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 1954.

Effective January 1, 1954

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## Chapter 114

AN ACT Relating to the Uniform Health and Accident Insurance Law.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 56, §§ 110 - 112, repealed and replaced.** Sections 110 to 112, inclusive, of chapter 56 of the revised statutes, as amended, are hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'**Sec. 110. Approval and disapproval of policies and filing of rates.** No such policy shall be delivered or issued for delivery to any person in this state, nor shall any application, rider or endorsement be used in connection therewith until a copy of the form thereof and of the classification of risks and the premium rates, or, in the case of cooperatives or assessment companies the estimated cost pertaining thereto, have been filed with the insurance commissioner. No such policy shall be so delivered or issued for delivery, nor shall any application, rider or endorsement be used in connection therewith, until the expiration of 30 days after it has been so filed unless the commissioner shall sooner give his written approval thereto.

The commissioner may, within 30 days after the filing of any such form, disapprove such form (1) if the benefits provided therein are unreasonable in relation to the premium charged, provided that clause (1) shall not apply in the case of policy forms approved or disapproved in accordance with the provisions of section 113-D, or (2) if it contains a provision or provisions which are unjust, unfair, inequitable, misleading, deceptive or encourage misrepresentation of such policy. If the commissioner shall notify the insurer which has filed any such form that it does not comply with the provisions of this section or sections 6, 111 or 112, it shall be unlawful thereafter for such insurer to issue such form or use it in connection with any policy. In such notice, the commissioner shall specify the reasons for his disapproval and state that a hearing will be granted within 20 days after request in writing by the insurer.

The commissioner may at any time, after a hearing of which not less than 20 days' written notice shall have been given to the insurer, withdraw