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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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## Chapter 305

### AN ACT Relating to Highway Drains.

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

R. S., c. 23, § 19, amended. Section 19 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

'Wherever, on or along public highways, ditches or drains have existed for a period of 20 years or longer, which cause water to be flowed away from the highway, there shall be a conclusive presumption that easements for such flowage from such ditches or drains exist, but only to the extent of the original flowage. This paragraph shall not apply in the cases protected by section 103 of chapter 46.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 306

### 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 having knowledge of the accident 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.'

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.'

Effective August 20, 1955