

STATE OF MAINE

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H.P. 375 - L.D. 598

An Act to Require a Vehicle Operator to Notify an Owner or Law Enforcement Officer of an Accident Involving a Dog, a Cat or Livestock

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2255, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

1. Notification. The operator of a vehicle involved in an accident anywhere that results in property damage shall take reasonable steps to notify the owner of that property of the accident. For the purposes of this section, "property damage" includes damage to real and personal property, including but not limited to the injury or death of a dog, a cat or livestock.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2255, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c. 291, §4, is further amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

If the accident results in the injury or death of a dog, a cat or livestock, the property owner cannot be located and a report of the accident is not required under section 2251, the operator shall take reasonable steps to immediately report the injury or death to a law enforcement officer or the animal control officer for the municipality or region where the property damage occurred.