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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to 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”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

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.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It clarifies under the law governing accidents involving property damage that property includes dogs, cats and livestock. It adds a requirement that when the property damaged is a dog, a cat or livestock, the property owner cannot be located and a report is not required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A,

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1 section 2251, the operator must take reasonable steps to immediately report the incident to
2 a law enforcement officer or animal control officer.

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(See attached)