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House of Representatives, March 8, 2011

An Act To Ensure Payment to Tow Truck Operators for Towing from Accidents

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Lincolnville.
Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and
Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Old Town, KENT of Woolwich, McCABE of
Skowhegan, PEOPLES of Westbrook, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1605, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 213, §1 and
3 affected by §3, is further amended to read:

4 **1. Requirements.** To be accepted as proof of financial responsibility, a policy must:

5 A. Conform to section 1606, subsection 2;

6 B. Include the condition that the obligor must, within 30 days of rendition of
7 judgment, satisfy the judgment in an action to recover damages:

8 (1) To property or for bodily injury, including death;

9 (2) Accidentally sustained during the term of the policy by a person other than
10 the insured, employees of the insured actually operating the motor vehicle or
11 another person responsible who is entitled to worker's compensation benefits; and

12 (3) Arising out of the ownership, operation, maintenance, control or use of a
13 vehicle within the limits of the United States of America or Canada; ~~and~~

14 C. Be in the amount or limit of at least:

15 (1) For damage to property, \$25,000;

16 (2) For injury to or death of any one person, \$50,000;

17 (3) For one accident resulting in injury to or death of more than one person,
18 \$100,000; and

19 (4) For medical payments pursuant to section 1605-A, \$2,000; and

20 D. Cover charges incurred in towing a motor vehicle from an accident scene when
21 the towing is authorized or requested by a law enforcement officer or emergency
22 medical services provider who is present at the accident scene.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill requires a liability insurance policy under the motor vehicle financial
25 responsibility laws to cover charges for towing a motor vehicle from the accident scene
26 when towing is authorized or requested by a law enforcement officer or emergency
27 medical services provider who is present at the accident scene.