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An Act To Provide for Punitive Damages against Drunk Drivers

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §1455 is enacted to read:

§ 1455. OUI conviction

Punitive damages must be determined and awarded to an individual who brings an action for an injury incurred in a motor vehicle accident in which the negligent party was convicted of operating under the influence under Title 29-A, section 2411 if the individual presents a certified copy of the conviction to the court.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a court to award punitive damages to a person injured in a motor vehicle accident in which the negligent party was convicted of operating under the influence if the person presents a certified copy of the conviction to the court.