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In Senate, March 11, 2014

**An Act To Increase the Penalty for Failing To Carry Proof of Motor
Vehicle Financial Responsibility**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PLUMMER of Cumberland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1605, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
3 affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

4 **6. Operating without giving proof.** A person commits a Class ~~E~~ D crime if that
5 person is required to maintain proof of financial responsibility and, without authorization
6 from the Secretary of State and without that proof, operates a vehicle or knowingly
7 permits a vehicle owned by that person to be operated by another on a public way.

8 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1605, sub-§6-A** is enacted to read:

9 **6-A. Operating.** A person commits a Class C crime if that person is required to
10 maintain proof of financial responsibility and, without authorization from the Secretary of
11 State and without that proof, operates a vehicle or knowingly permits a vehicle owned by
12 that person to be operated by another on a public way and that vehicle is involved in an
13 accident that results in severe bodily injury while on that public way.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill makes it a Class C crime if a person who is required to maintain proof of
16 financial responsibility operates a vehicle, or allows the operation of that vehicle, on a
17 public way without such proof and that vehicle is involved in an accident that results in
18 severe bodily injury while being operated on the public way. This bill also increases from
19 a Class E to a Class D crime the penalty for such a person operating a vehicle or allowing
20 the operation of a vehicle without proof of financial responsibility.