

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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S.P. 208 - L.D. 821

**An Act To Improve the Investigation and Prosecution of Cases That Involve
Vulnerable Road Users**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2251, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Vulnerable users. A law enforcement officer who investigates a reportable accident involving a vulnerable user or an incident resulting in bodily injury or death to a vulnerable user and who has probable cause to believe that a traffic infraction, civil violation or criminal violation is connected to that accident or incident shall inform a district attorney of relevant jurisdiction about the investigation within 5 days of initiating the investigation. The law enforcement officer shall submit a final accident report to that district attorney including any evidence relevant to the potential prosecution of an alleged criminal violation or civil violation resulting from the investigation as soon as is practicable and no later than 60 days after the accident or incident. A law enforcement officer may submit any additional evidence as soon as it becomes available after the submission of the final accident report. Nothing in this subsection precludes evidence submitted later than 60 days after the accident or incident from being used in the prosecution of a criminal violation or civil violation. Failure of a law enforcement officer to inform a district attorney in accordance with this subsection does not affect any authority of a district attorney to take any action or preclude a private citizen from notifying a district attorney about an accident or incident.