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

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

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

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

A. Conform to section 1606, subsection 2;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **SUMMARY**

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