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Raised Bill No. 5313

LCO No. 1804



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE REPORTS OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-108a of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

4 (2) In each motor vehicle accident in which any person is killed or
5 injured or in which damage to the property of any one individual,
6 including the operator, in excess of one thousand dollars is sustained,
7 the police officer, agency or individual who, in the regular course of
8 duty, investigates such accident, either at the time of or at the scene of
9 the accident or thereafter, by interviewing the participants or witnesses,
10 shall, not later than five days after completing such investigation,
11 complete and forward one copy of such report to the Commissioner of
12 Transportation. Such report shall contain all available detailed
13 information [relating] to disclose the location and cause of the accident,
14 the conditions then existing, the persons and vehicles involved and the
15 names of the insurance companies issuing their automobile liability

16 policies, as well as the enforcement action taken, if any. [, and, in the
 17 case of a motor vehicle accident in which any person is killed, such
 18 report shall, if possible and practicable, reach a conclusion as to the
 19 cause of the accident. If such a conclusion cannot be reached, the
 20 investigating officer, agency or individual shall refer the case to the
 21 state's attorney for the judicial district in which the accident occurred,
 22 who may refer the case to the Division of State Police within the
 23 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for review
 24 and further investigation.] The Commissioner of Transportation shall
 25 forward to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles one copy of each report
 26 of any accident involving a school bus. The Commissioner of Motor
 27 Vehicles may inquire into or investigate any accident reported pursuant
 28 to this subsection and may request the assistance of the Division of State
 29 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
 30 Protection for such purposes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	14-108a(a)(2)
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Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate a requirement that a police officer, in the officer's report of a motor vehicle accident involving a death, reach a conclusion as to the cause of the accident or refer the case to the appropriate state's attorney.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]