

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0152

Vehicle accident reporting.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Filer, Blake, Byrd, Throne
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for proof of
2 financial responsibility; deleting accident reporting
3 requirements for persons involved in vehicle accidents;
4 making conforming amendments; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-9-110 is created to read:

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11 **31-9-110. Providing proof of financial**
12 **responsibility.**

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14 For purposes of this act, a person shall be considered to
15 have provided and filed proof of financial responsibility
16 whenever a search of the online insurance verification

1 system or other verification system provides proof of
2 financial responsibility.

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4 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-5-1106(c), 31-5-1108(a), 31-5-1111
5 and 31-9-402 by creating a new subsection (b) are amended
6 to read:

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8 **31-5-1106. Written reports required of police**
9 **officers; reporting of vehicles struck by bullets.**

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11 (c) Every police officer who investigates a motor
12 vehicle accident ~~of which report must be made as required~~
13 ~~in this section~~ resulting in bodily injury to or death of
14 any person or total property damage to an apparent extent
15 of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more, either at the
16 time of and at the scene of the accident or thereafter by
17 interviewing the participants or witnesses shall forward a
18 written report of the accident to the highway department
19 within ten (10) days after his investigation of the
20 accident.

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22 **31-5-1108. Report forms; failure to make report;**
23 **false report.**

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1 (a) The highway department shall prepare and upon
2 request supply to police departments, coroners, sheriffs
3 and other suitable agencies or individuals, forms for
4 accident reports required hereunder, appropriate with
5 respect to the persons required to make the reports and the
6 purposes to be served. The written reports to be made by
7 ~~persons involved in accidents and by~~ investigating officers
8 shall call for sufficiently detailed information to
9 disclose with reference to a traffic accident the cause,
10 conditions then existing and the persons and vehicles
11 involved.

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13 **31-5-1111. Reports required by municipalities.**

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15 (a) Any municipality may by ordinance require that
16 the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident, or the
17 owner of the vehicle, shall ~~also~~ file with a designated
18 city department a report of the accident or a copy of any
19 report herein required to be filed with the highway
20 department. All reports shall be for the confidential use
21 of the city department and subject to W.S. 31-5-1110. Any
22 accident report required of persons involved in accidents
23 shall be without prejudice to the individual so reporting

1 and shall be for the confidential use of the municipality
2 for accident prevention purposes, except that:

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4 (i) The municipality may disclose the identity
5 of a person involved in an accident when the identity is
6 not otherwise known or when the person denies his presence
7 at the accident;

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9 (ii) The municipality shall disclose to any
10 person requesting such information whether any person or
11 vehicle was covered by a vehicle insurance policy and the
12 name of the insurer.

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14 **31-9-402. Types of proof.**

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16 (b) Proof of financial responsibility may be
17 furnished as allowed by W.S. 31-9-110.

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19 **Section 3.** W.S. 31-5-1106(a) and (b), 31-5-1107(a)
20 and (c), 31-5-1108(d), 31-5-1110(a) and 31-7-128(d) are
21 repealed.

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1 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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