

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2021 REGULAR SESSION**

**ENROLLED**

**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**House Bill 2195**

BY DELEGATE SYPOLT

[Passed April 10, 2021; in effect ninety days from passage.]



1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §17C-4-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to motor vehicle crash reports; requiring the investigating law-enforcement officer, within  
3 24 hours of a motor vehicle crash, to provide the owner, operator, and insurance  
4 information for all the involved parties with each of the other involved parties and to each  
5 party's respective insurance agents; and, information shall be provided without cost.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 4. ACCIDENTS.**

**§17C-4-7. Reports of crashes.**

1 (a) Every law-enforcement officer who, in the regular course of duty, investigates a motor  
2 vehicle crash occurring on the public streets or highways of this state resulting in bodily injury to,  
3 or death of, any person or total property damage to an apparent extent of \$1,000 or more shall,  
4 either at the time of and at the scene of the crash or thereafter by interviewing participants or  
5 witnesses, within 24 hours after completing such investigation, prepare a report of such crash  
6 either electronically or in writing.

7 (b) Within 24 hours of a motor vehicle crash, the investigating law-enforcement officer  
8 shall provide the owner, operator, and insurance information upon request for all the involved  
9 parties to each of the other involved parties, and to each party's respective insurance agents.  
10 This information shall be made available, at no cost, whether or not the accident report has been  
11 completed.

12 (c) The investigating law-enforcement officer shall submit the report electronically or in  
13 writing within 24 hours after completing the investigation to the Division of Highways in the form  
14 and manner approved by the Commissioner of the Division of Highways, the Superintendent of  
15 the West Virginia State Police, and the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles. The  
16 Division of Highways shall supply electronic or paper copies of the form to police departments,  
17 sheriffs, and other appropriate law-enforcement agencies.

18           (d) In the event that the investigating law-enforcement officer cannot complete the  
19 investigation within 10 days of the crash, he or she shall submit a preliminary report of the crash  
20 to the Division of Highways on the 10th day after the crash and submit the final report within 24  
21 hours of completion of the investigation pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Chairman, House Committee*

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*Chairman, Senate Committee*

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

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*Clerk of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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*President of the Senate*

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day of ....., 2021.

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*Governor*