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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1660
92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Financial and Governmental Organization, Veterans' Affairs and Elections, April 14, 2004, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal sections 43.250, 43.251, and 610.200, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to accident reports.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 43.250, 43.251, and 610.200, RSMo, are repealed and three
2 new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 43.250, 43.251, and
3 610.200, to read as follows:

43.250. Every law enforcement officer who investigates a vehicle accident
2 resulting in injury to or death of a person, or total property damage to an apparent
3 extent of five hundred dollars or more to one person, or who otherwise prepares a written
4 **or computer-generated** report as a result of an investigation either at the time of and
5 at the scene of the accident or thereafter by interviewing the participants or witnesses,
6 shall forward a [written] report of such accident to the superintendent of the Missouri
7 state highway patrol within ten days after his **or her** investigation of the accident,
8 except that upon the approval of the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol
9 the report may be forwarded at a time and/or in a form other than as required in this
10 section.

43.251. 1. The Missouri division of highway safety shall prepare and upon
2 request supply to police departments, sheriffs, and other appropriate agencies or
3 individuals forms for written accident reports as required by sections 43.250 and
4 43.251. [The written reports] **Reports** shall call for sufficiently detailed information to
5 disclose, with reference to a vehicle accident, the cause, conditions then existing and the
6 persons and vehicles involved.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

7 2. Every **written or computer-generated** accident report required to be made
8 [in writing] shall be [made] **submitted** on the appropriate form **or in the appropriate**
9 **computer format** approved by the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol
10 and shall contain all the information required therein unless not available.

610.200. [1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section] All law
2 enforcement agencies that maintain a daily log or record that lists suspected crimes,
3 accidents, or complaints, shall make available the following information for inspection
4 and copying by the public:

5 (1) The time, substance, and location of all complaints or requests for assistance
6 received by the agency;

7 (2) The time and nature of the agency's response to all complaints or requests for
8 assistance; and

9 (3) If the incident involves an alleged crime or infraction:

10 (a) The time, date, and location of occurrence;

11 (b) The name and age of any victim, unless the victim is a victim of a crime
12 under chapter 566, RSMo;

13 (c) The factual circumstances surrounding the incident; and

14 (d) A general description of any injuries, property or weapons involved.

15 [2. Any law enforcement agency with custody of an accident report or incident
16 report, as defined in section 610.100, shall not release for sixty days after the date of the
17 accident or incident the report containing the factual circumstances or general
18 description of any injuries as provided in paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision (3) of
19 subsection 1 of this section to a person that is not an interested party. For the purposes
20 of this subsection, an "interested party" is any law enforcement agency, any person who
21 was involved in the accident or incident, the street department of the jurisdiction
22 involved, the owner of any vehicle involved in the accident or incident, the insurance
23 company, physician or family member of any person involved in the accident or incident
24 or any attorney or any member of the news media.]

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