

HCS HB 1660 -- ACCIDENT REPORTS

SPONSOR: Crawford (Lager)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Transportation and Motor Vehicles by a vote of 18 to 0.

This substitute repeals the provision that prohibits law enforcement officers from releasing accident reports to anyone who is not an interested party until 60 days after the accident.

The substitute also clarifies that the required procedure for the processing of accident reports by law enforcement officers includes computer-generated reports, in addition to written reports.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that in the computer age most accident reports are computer-generated, and the reports should not be restricted.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lager; State Highway Patrol; and Missouri Press Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Robert Triplett, Legislative Analyst