



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 324**

*January Session, 2011*

Substitute House Bill No. 6484

*House of Representatives, March 31, 2011*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF ACCIDENT RECORDS OF THE STATE POLICE.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-10c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 Any memorandum, sketch, chart, written statement, report or  
4 photograph obtained, prepared or created by the Division of State  
5 Police within the Department of Public Safety in the investigation of  
6 any accident wherein any person has been injured or property  
7 damaged shall be preserved and retained for a period of at least ten  
8 years from the date of such accident. Subsequent to the final  
9 disposition of any criminal action arising out of an accident, the  
10 records [hereinbefore] specified in this section and the information  
11 contained [therein] in such records shall be open to public inspection,  
12 except that such records shall be available to any person involved in  
13 the accident subsequent to the issuance of a warrant or summons in

14 such action or not later than thirty days after such accident, whichever  
15 is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	29-10c

**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

This bill could require State Police to release accident reports sooner which has no fiscal impact. Currently the State Police are required to make such records available subsequent to the issuance of the warrant or summons.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 6484**

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF ACCIDENT RECORDS OF THE STATE POLICE.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill sets a 30-day deadline for the State Police to make accident records available to people who were involved in an accident that is the subject of the record. Under current law, such records are available for public inspection after the final disposition of any criminal action arising from the accident, but they are available to people involved in the accident at an unspecified time after a warrant or summons is issued. This bill makes the records available to people involved in the accident after the warrant or summons is issued or 30 days after the accident, whichever is earlier.

The bill applies to any memorandum, sketch, chart, written statement, report, or photograph the State Police obtained, prepared, or created in its investigation of an accident in which someone was injured or property damaged. By law, the record must be preserved for at least 10 years from the date of the accident.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/15/2011)