
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 471

AN ACT CONCERNING A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORT FOR AN ACCIDENT IN WHICH A PERSON WAS KILLED.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the police or other agencies or individuals investigating a fatal motor vehicle accident (investigators) to refer the case to the state's attorney in the district where the accident took place if they are unable to determine the accident's cause, and it allows the state's attorney to refer the matter to the State Police for review and further investigation.

By law, investigators must send the transportation commissioner an accident report, within five days after completing an investigation, for any motor vehicle accident in which someone (1) was killed or injured or (2) incurred more than \$1,000 in property damage. The bill requires the report to include, if possible and practicable, a conclusion as to the cause of any fatal accident. Existing law already requires accident reports to include information about the cause of a reportable accident.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

HB 5474, reported favorably by the Judiciary Committee, contains the same provisions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 39 Nay 0 (03/28/2018)

