



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6599**

LCO No. 4248



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE REPORTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-108a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) (1) The Commissioner of Transportation shall prescribe for the  
5 Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services  
6 and Public Protection and for each police department and officer and  
7 other suitable agencies or individuals a uniform investigation of  
8 accident report, in such form as the commissioner shall prescribe, which  
9 form shall be followed in filing all such reports.

10 (2) Not later than September 30, 2021, the Department of  
11 Transportation, the Division of State Police and the Police Officer  
12 Standards and Training Council, established under section 7-294b, shall  
13 jointly revise the uniform investigation of accident report form  
14 prescribed under subdivision (1) of this subsection. The revised form  
15 shall not exceed four pages in length, unless the police officer, agency or

16 individual investigating the accident determines additional pages are  
17 necessary. On and after October 1, 2021, the revised form shall be used  
18 by the Division of State Police and each police department and officer  
19 and other suitable agencies or individuals in filing all such reports.

20 [(2)] (3) In each motor vehicle accident in which any person is killed  
21 or injured or in which damage to the property of any one individual,  
22 including the operator, in excess of one thousand dollars is sustained,  
23 the police officer, agency or individual who, in the regular course of  
24 duty, investigates such accident, either at the time of or at the scene of  
25 the accident or thereafter, by interviewing the participants or witnesses,  
26 shall, not later than five days after completing such investigation,  
27 complete and forward one copy of such report to the Commissioner of  
28 Transportation. Such report shall contain all available information  
29 relating to the location and cause of the accident, the conditions then  
30 existing, the persons and vehicles involved and the names of the  
31 insurance companies issuing their automobile liability policies, as well  
32 as the enforcement action taken, if any, and, in the case of a motor  
33 vehicle accident in which any person is killed, such report shall, if  
34 possible and practicable, reach a conclusion as to the cause of the  
35 accident. If such a conclusion cannot be reached, the investigating  
36 officer, agency or individual shall refer the case to the state's attorney  
37 for the judicial district in which the accident occurred, who may refer  
38 the case to the Division of State Police within the Department of  
39 Emergency Services and Public Protection for review and further  
40 investigation. The Commissioner of Transportation shall forward to the  
41 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles one copy of each report of any accident  
42 involving a school bus. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may  
43 inquire into or investigate any accident reported pursuant to this  
44 subsection and may request the assistance of the Division of State Police  
45 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for  
46 such purposes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	14-108a(a)
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the Department of Transportation, the Division of State Police and the Police Officer Standards and Training Council to jointly revise the uniform investigation of accident report form.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*