

SENATE FILE NO. SF0064

Accident report confidentiality.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Von Flatern and Representative(s)
Pownall and Walters

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle accidents; eliminating
2 confidentiality of accident reports; and providing for an
3 effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-1110(b) and (c) and
8 31-5-1111(a)(intro) are amended to read:

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10 **31-5-1110. Confidentiality of supplemental**
11 **information to reports; use of reports as evidence;**
12 **exceptions.**

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14 (b) ~~All accident reports and~~ Supplemental information
15 to an accident report filed in connection with the

1 administration of the laws of this state relating to the
2 deposit of security or proof of financial responsibility
3 shall be confidential and not open to general public
4 inspection, ~~nor shall copying of lists of the reports be~~
5 ~~permitted~~ except the ~~reports and~~ supplemental information
6 may be examined by any person named therein or by his
7 representative designated in writing.

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9 (c) No written reports forwarded under this ~~section~~
10 article shall be used as evidence in any trial, civil or
11 criminal, arising out of an accident except for
12 prosecutions for filing false reports and, except that the
13 highway department shall furnish upon demand of any party
14 to the trial, or upon demand of any court, a certificate
15 showing that a specified accident report has or has not
16 been made to the highway department in compliance with law,
17 and, if a report has been made, the date, time and location
18 of the accident, the names and addresses of the drivers,
19 the owners of the vehicles involved and the investigating
20 officers.

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22 **31-5-1111. Reports required by municipalities.**
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(a) Any municipality may by ordinance require that the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident, or the owner of the vehicle, shall file with a designated city department a report of the accident or a copy of any report herein required to be filed with the highway department. All reports shall be ~~for the confidential use of the city department and~~ subject to W.S. 31-5-1110. Any accident report required of persons involved in accidents shall be without prejudice to the individual so reporting. ~~and shall be for the confidential use of the municipality for accident prevention purposes, except that:~~

13 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-5-1111(a) (i) and (ii) is repealed.

15 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
16 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
17 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
18 Constitution.

20 (END)