

2 **SSB 5539 - H COMM AMD ADOPTED 4-8-97**

3 By Committee on Transportation Policy & Budget

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 46.52.030 and 1996 c 183 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) Unless a report is to be made by a law enforcement officer
10 under subsection (3) of this section, the driver of any vehicle
11 involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person
12 or damage to the property of any one person to an apparent extent equal
13 to or greater than the minimum amount established by rule adopted by
14 the chief of the Washington state patrol in accordance with subsection
15 (5) of this section, shall, within ((twenty-four hours)) four days
16 after such accident, make a written report of such accident to the
17 chief of police of the city or town if such accident occurred within an
18 incorporated city or town or the county sheriff or state patrol if such
19 accident occurred outside incorporated cities and towns. Nothing in
20 this subsection prohibits accident reports from being filed by drivers
21 where damage to property is less than the minimum amount or where a law
22 enforcement officer has submitted a report.

23 (2) The original of the report shall be immediately forwarded by
24 the authority receiving the report to the chief of the Washington state
25 patrol at Olympia, Washington. The Washington state patrol shall give
26 the department of licensing full access to the report.

27 (3) Any law enforcement officer who investigates an accident for
28 which a ((driver's)) report is required under subsection (1) of this
29 section shall submit an investigator's report as required by RCW
30 46.52.070.

31 (4) The chief of the Washington state patrol may require any driver
32 of any vehicle involved in an accident, of which report must be made as
33 provided in this section, to file supplemental reports whenever the
34 original report in ((his)) the chief's opinion is insufficient, and may
35 likewise require witnesses of any such accident to render reports. For
36 this purpose, the chief of the Washington state patrol shall prepare

1 and, upon request, supply to any police department, coroner, sheriff,
2 and any other suitable agency or individual, sample forms of accident
3 reports required hereunder, which reports shall be upon a form devised
4 by the chief of the Washington state patrol and shall call for
5 sufficiently detailed information to disclose all material facts with
6 reference to the accident to be reported thereon, including the
7 location, the ((eause)) circumstances, the conditions then existing,
8 the persons and vehicles involved, the insurance information required
9 under RCW 46.30.030, personal injury or death, if any, the amounts of
10 property damage claimed, the total number of vehicles involved, whether
11 the vehicles were legally parked, legally standing, or moving, and
12 whether such vehicles were occupied at the time of the accident. Every
13 required accident report shall be made on a form prescribed by the
14 chief of the Washington state patrol and each authority charged with
15 the duty of receiving such reports shall provide sufficient report
16 forms in compliance with the form devised. The report forms shall be
17 designated so as to provide that a copy may be retained by the
18 reporting person.

19 (5) The chief of the Washington state patrol shall adopt rules
20 establishing the accident-reporting threshold for property damage
21 accidents. Beginning October 1, 1987, the accident-reporting threshold
22 for property damage accidents shall be five hundred dollars. The
23 accident-reporting threshold for property damage accidents shall be
24 revised when necessary, but not more frequently than every two years.
25 The revisions shall only be for the purpose of recognizing economic
26 changes as reflected by an inflationary index recommended by the office
27 of financial management. The revisions shall be guided by the change
28 in the index for the time period since the last revision.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
30 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
31 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
32 immediately."

33 Correct the title.

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