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AN ACT

1 Providing for a pilot project for accident reports; and
2 establishing the Accident Report Form Study Committee.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Accident
7 Report Form Study Committee Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Accident report." A report of a vehicular accident that is
13 submitted by a police department on a form prepared by the
14 Department of Transportation pursuant to the provisions of 75
15 Pa.C.S. §§ 3751 (relating to reports by police) and 3752

1 (relating to accident report forms).

2 "Committee." The Accident Report Form Study Committee
3 established by this act.

4 "Department." The Department of Transportation of the
5 Commonwealth.

6 "Secretary." The Secretary of Transportation of the
7 Commonwealth.

8 Section 3. Accident report form pilot project.

9 (a) Authorization.--The department shall conduct a pilot
10 project at ten locations across this Commonwealth for the
11 purpose of collecting accident reports on the form that is used
12 by the department on the effective date of this act. The project
13 shall be administered as follows:

14 (1) Each location shall be selected by the department
15 and shall consist of a municipality with a population equal
16 to 50,000 persons or less.

17 (2) The accident reports shall be completed for a period
18 of 90 days on the form used by the department on the
19 effective date of this act.

20 (b) Limitation.--Notwithstanding any other provision of 75
21 Pa.C.S. (relating to vehicles) to the contrary, the form used by
22 the department on the effective date of this act may not be used
23 in any other location of this Commonwealth until the pilot
24 program is expanded in accordance with section 4(c).

25 Section 4. Accident Report Form Study Committee.

26 (a) Establishment.--The Accident Report Form Study Committee
27 is hereby established. The committee shall consist of the
28 following members:

29 (1) The secretary or his designee.

30 (2) Three members of the department who are appointed by

1 the secretary.

2 (3) A representative of the Pennsylvania Association of
3 Police Chiefs, designated by the head of the association.

4 (4) Four members of the General Assembly, one of whom
5 shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the
6 Senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the Minority Leader
7 of the Senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker
8 of the House of Representatives and one of whom shall be
9 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
10 Representatives.

11 (b) Duties.--The committees shall review and study the
12 accident reports collected by the department under the pilot
13 project established under section 3. The committee shall also
14 solicit and consider the comments of police departments
15 regarding the amount of time and effort to complete the accident
16 reports and any other comments about the accident report forms.
17 The purpose of the review shall be to determine whether the
18 accident report form is the most effective and efficient means
19 to collect data on vehicular accidents while balancing the
20 administrative demands placed on police departments by the
21 completion of the accident reports.

22 (c) Expansion of pilot program.--If, after completing its
23 review, the committee determines by majority vote that the
24 accident report form is the most effective and efficient means
25 to collect data on vehicular accidents while balancing the
26 administrative demands of police departments, the department
27 shall expand the use of the accident report form to the entire
28 Commonwealth. Otherwise, the committee shall recommend changes
29 to the content of the accident report form, and the department
30 shall implement the changes and expand the use of the changed

- 1 accident report form to the entire Commonwealth.
- 2 Section 5. Effective date.
- 3 This act shall take effect in 60 days.