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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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YOUNGBLOOD, NOVEMBER 21, 2005

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, NOVEMBER 21, 2005

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for reports by police.

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

5 Section 1. Section 3751 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 3751. Reports by police.

8 (a) General rule.--Every police department that investigates  
9 a vehicle accident for which a report must be made as required  
10 in this subchapter and prepares a written report as a result of  
11 an investigation either at the time and at the scene of the  
12 accident or thereafter by interviewing the participants or  
13 witnesses shall, within 15 days of the accident, forward an  
14 initial written report of the accident to the department. If the  
15 initial report is not complete, a supplemental report shall be  
16 submitted at a later date.

17 (b) Furnishing copies of report.--

1           (1) Police departments shall, [upon] within 60 days of a  
2 request, furnish a certified copy of the full report,  
3 including photographs, if any, of the police investigation of  
4 any vehicle accident to any person involved in the accident,  
5 his attorney or insurer, and to the Federal Government,  
6 branches of the military service, Commonwealth agencies, and  
7 to officials of political subdivisions and to agencies of  
8 other states and nations and their political subdivisions.

9           (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), the cost of  
10 furnishing a copy of a report under this subsection shall not  
11 exceed \$15.

12           (3) In a city of the first class, the cost of furnishing  
13 a copy of a report under this subsection shall not exceed  
14 \$25.

15           (4) The copy of the report shall not be admissible as  
16 evidence in any action for damages or criminal proceedings  
17 arising out of a motor vehicle accident.

18           (5) Police departments may refuse to furnish the  
19 complete copy of investigation of the vehicle accident  
20 whenever there are criminal charges pending against any  
21 persons involved in the vehicle accident unless the  
22 Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure require the  
23 production of the documents.

24       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.