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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for  
3 immediate notice of accident to police department.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3746 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3746. Immediate notice of accident to police department.

9 (a) General rule.--The driver of a vehicle involved in an  
10 accident shall immediately by the quickest means of  
11 communication give notice to the nearest office of a duly  
12 authorized police department if the accident involves:

13 (1) injury to or death of any person; or

14 (2) damage to any vehicle involved to the extent that it  
15 cannot be driven under its own power in its customary manner  
16 without further damage or hazard to the vehicle, other  
17 traffic elements, or the roadway, and therefore requires  
18 towing.

1 (b) Duty of occupant if driver disabled.--Whenever the  
2 driver of a vehicle is physically incapable of giving an  
3 immediate notice of an accident as required in subsection (a)  
4 and there is another occupant in the vehicle at the time of the  
5 accident capable of doing so, the occupant shall make or cause  
6 to be given the notice not given by the driver.

7 (c) Investigation by police officer.--Every accident  
8 reported to a police department [required in this section] shall  
9 be investigated by a police officer who shall physically report  
10 to the scene of the accident and shall provide each driver a  
11 signed statement that the accident was reported.

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