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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.--Police departments shall,

1 upon request, furnish at a cost not to exceed \$15 a certified
2 copy of the full report of the police investigation of any
3 vehicle accident to any person involved in the accident, his
4 attorney or insurer, and to the Federal Government, branches of
5 the military service, Commonwealth agencies, and to officials of
6 political subdivisions and to agencies of other states and
7 nations and their political subdivisions. No fee shall be
8 charged by the Pennsylvania State Police for requests by public
9 agencies of the Commonwealth, including members of the General
10 Assembly, or by political subdivisions thereof when the requests
11 are made for public purposes. The copy of the report shall not
12 be admissible as evidence in any action for damages or criminal
13 proceedings arising out of a motor vehicle accident. Police
14 departments may refuse to furnish the complete copy of
15 investigation of the vehicle accident whenever there are
16 criminal charges pending against any persons involved in the
17 vehicle accident unless the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal
18 Procedure require the production of the documents.

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