

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1977

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HOUSE BILL No. 1440

(By Mr. Shingleton & Mr. Shiflet)

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PASSED March 23, 1977

In Effect ninety days from Passage

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H. B. 1440

(By MR. SHINGLETON and MR. SHIFLET)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section seven, article four, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to conditions under which written accident report must be filed with department of motor vehicles and increasing amount of property damage in accident necessitating filing of such report from one hundred dollars to two hundred fifty dollars.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section seven, article four, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 4. ACCIDENTS.**

**§17C-4-7. Written reports of accidents.**

1 (a) The driver or the attorney or agent of such driver of a  
2 vehicle involved in an accident occurring on the public high-  
3 ways of this state resulting in bodily injury to or death of any  
4 person or total property damage to an apparent extent of two  
5 hundred fifty dollars or more shall, within five days after such  
6 accident, forward a written report of such accident to the de-  
7 partment of motor vehicles.

8 (b) The department may require any driver of a vehicle  
9 involved in an accident of which report must be made as pro-  
10 vided in this section to file supplemental reports whenever the  
11 original report is insufficient in the opinion of the department

12 and may require witnesses of accidents to render reports to  
13 the department.

14 (c) Every law-enforcement officer who, in the regular  
15 course of duty, investigates a motor vehicle accident of which  
16 report must be made as required in this section, either at the  
17 time of and at the scene of the accident or thereafter by inter-  
18 viewing participants or witnesses shall, within twenty-four  
19 hours after completing such investigation, forward a written  
20 report of such accident to the department. The department  
21 shall prepare a form for such accident report and, after ap-  
22 proval of such form by the commissioner, the superintendent  
23 of the department of public safety and the state road commis-  
24 sioner, shall supply copies of such form to police departments,  
25 sheriffs and other appropriate law-enforcement agencies. Every  
26 accident report required under the provisions of this subsection  
27 (c) shall be made on such form.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

James C. Christian  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Joe Dellinger  
Clerk of the Senate

W. B. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. T. Bratherton, Jr.  
President of the Senate

Donald L. Kopp  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 28  
day of March, 1977.

John D. R. Doyle  
Governor



APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

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