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AN ACT

RELATING TO REPORTS OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CERTIFIED
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONDERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.267A TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
INVOLVING CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OR OTHER
EMERGENCY RESPONDERS == REPORTS.

1. Any traffic accident involving the operation of a motor
vehicle by a certified law enforcement officer or other
emergency responder shall be reported to the department by the
officer's or responder's employer. The officer's or
responder's employer shall certify to the department whether
or not the accident occurred in the line of duty while
operating an official government vehicle or during the
responder's deployment on an emergency call. Such a
certification is effective only for the purposes of this
section.

2. Notwithstanding section 321.200, upon receiving a
certification pursuant to subsection 1, the department shall
not include a notation of the accident described in the
certification on the officer's or responder's driving record.

3. The provisions of this section shall not relieve a
certified law enforcement officer or other emergency responder
operating a motor vehicle of the duty to drive with due regard
for the safety of all persons.

4. For the purposes of this section, "certified law
enforcement officer" means a law enforcement officer who is
certified through the Iowa law enforcement academy as provided
in section 80B.13, subsection 3, or section 80B.17.

5. For the purposes of this section, "other emergency
responder" means a fire fighter certified as a fire fighter I
pursuant to rules adopted under chapter 100B and trained in
emergency driving or an emergency medical responder certified
under chapter 147A and trained in emergency driving.

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Speaker of the House

JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
is known as House File 540, Eighty-first General Assembly.

MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved _____, 2006

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor