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May 30, 2006

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 540, an Act relating to reports of traffic accidents involving certified law enforcement officers and other emergency responders.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 540

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.

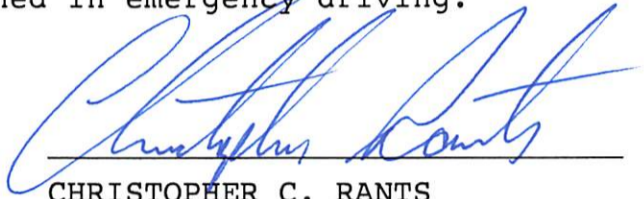
1. Any traffic accident involving the operation of a motor vehicle by a certified law enforcement officer or other emergency responder shall be reported to the department by the officer's or responder's employer. The officer's or responder's employer shall certify to the department whether or not the 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.

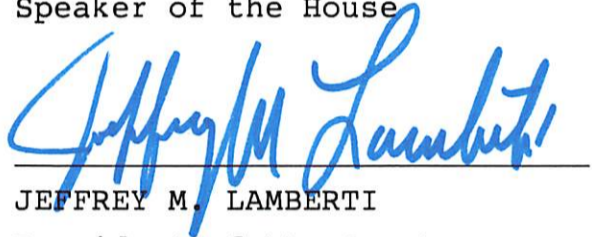
4. For the purposes of this section, "certified law enforcement officer" means a law enforcement officer who is certified through the Iowa law enforcement academy as provided in section 80B.13, subsection 3, or section 80B.17.

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.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS

Speaker of the House



JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI

President of the Senate

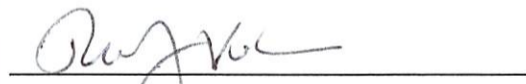
I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 540, Eighty-first General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 30, 2006



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