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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing accident damage reporting and motor vehicle  
2 security requirement levels.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321.266, subsection 2, Code 1995, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident  
4 resulting in injury to or death of any person, or total  
5 property damage to an apparent extent of five-hundred one  
6 thousand dollars or more shall also, within seventy-two hours  
7 after the accident, forward a written report of the accident  
8 to the department.

9 Sec. 2. Section 321A.5, subsection 1, Code 1995, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 1. The department shall, immediately or within sixty days  
12 after the receipt of a report of a motor vehicle accident  
13 within this state which has resulted in bodily injury or death  
14 or damage to the property of any one person in excess of five  
15 hundred one thousand dollars, suspend the license of each  
16 operator and all registrations of each owner of a motor  
17 vehicle in any manner involved in the accident, and if the  
18 operator is a nonresident the privilege of operating a motor  
19 vehicle within this state, and if the owner is a nonresident  
20 the privilege of the use within this state of any motor  
21 vehicle owned by the owner, unless the operator or owner or  
22 both shall deposit security in a sum which shall be sufficient  
23 in the judgment of the department to satisfy any judgment or  
24 judgments for damages resulting from the accident as may be  
25 recovered against the operator or owner; provided notice of  
26 the suspension shall be sent by the department to the operator  
27 and owner not less than ten days prior to the effective date  
28 of the suspension and shall state the amount required as  
29 security.

30 EXPLANATION

31 Current law requires that the driver of a vehicle involved  
32 in an accident with property damage of \$500 or more must  
33 report the accident to the state department of transportation  
34 within 72 hours. In addition, chapter 321A requires the  
35 department to suspend the motor vehicle license of the

1 operator and the registration for the motor vehicle, unless  
2 the owner or operator provides security for payment of  
3 damages. A person who has insurance which provides coverage  
4 for the accident is not required to provide security for  
5 damages.

6 This bill raises the minimum accident reporting level and  
7 suspension requirement level to \$1,000.

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