

Senate File 2121 - Introduced

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BY WHITING

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act requiring operators of vehicles involved in certain
 - 2 accidents to submit a written report to the department of
 - 3 transportation within twenty-four hours of the accident, and
 - 4 making penalties applicable.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.266, subsection 2, Code 2020, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting
4 in injury to or death of any person, ~~or total property damage~~
5 ~~to an apparent extent of one thousand five hundred dollars~~
6 ~~or more~~ shall, within seventy-two hours after the accident,
7 forward a written report of the accident to the department.
8 The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in
9 total property damage to an apparent extent of one thousand
10 five hundred dollars or more but not involving an injury to
11 or death of a person shall, within twenty-four hours after
12 the accident, forward a written report of the accident to the
13 department. However, such report is not required when the
14 accident is investigated by a law enforcement agency.

EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 Current law provides that the driver of a vehicle involved
19 in an accident resulting in an injury to or death of a person
20 or certain property damage is required to submit a written
21 report within 72 hours of the accident to the department of
22 transportation (DOT). This bill shortens the reporting time
23 required for accidents involving certain property damage, but
24 not involving an injury to or death of a person, to within 24
25 hours of the accident.

26 Under Code section 321.482, violation of the provisions of
27 the bill is a simple misdemeanor. A simple misdemeanor is
28 punishable by confinement for no more than 30 days or a fine of
29 at least \$65 but not more than \$625 or by both.