House File 540 - Reprinted

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to reports of traffic accidents involving
2   certified law enforcement officers.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1   Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 80.43 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
1 2 INVOLVING CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.
1 3   1. The commissioner shall adopt rules to define when a
1 4 traffic accident involving the operation of a motor vehicle by
1 5 a certified law enforcement officer occurs in the line of duty
1 6 during the officer's employment as a certified law enforcement
1 7 officer.
1 8   2. Any traffic accident involving the operation of a motor
1 9 vehicle by a certified law enforcement officer shall be
1 10 reported by the officer's employer to the department of public
1 11 safety for review pursuant to the rules adopted under
1 12 subsection 1, and the department shall certify whether or not
1 13 the accident occurred while in the line of duty during the
1 14 officer's employment as a certified law enforcement officer.
1 15 If the department certifies that the accident occurred in the
1 16 line of duty during the officer's employment as a certified
1 17 law enforcement officer, the department shall forward the
1 18 certification to the state department of transportation.
1 19   3. Upon receiving a certification pursuant to subsection
1 20 2, the state department of transportation shall not maintain
1 21 an accident report of the accident described in the
1 22 certification pursuant to section 321.266.
1 23   4. For the purposes of this section, "certified law
1 24 enforcement officer" means a law enforcement officer who is
1 25 certified through the Iowa law enforcement academy as provided
1 26 in section 80B.13, subsection 3, or section 80B.17.
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