

**House File 904 - Reprinted**

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 297)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 25, 2025)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to motor vehicle accident reports, including the  
2 amount of property damage necessary for a report, the period  
3 in which a law enforcement officer must forward a report to  
4 the department of transportation, and resulting suspensions of  
5 driver's licenses, registrations, and operating privileges.  
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.266, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2025,  
2 are 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~~ five 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 within  
8 seventy-two hours after the accident. However, such report is  
9 not required ~~when~~ if the accident is investigated by a law  
10 enforcement agency.

11 3. Every law enforcement officer who, in the regular course  
12 of duty, investigates a motor vehicle accident of which report  
13 must be made as required in subsections 1 and 2, either at  
14 the time of and at the scene of the accident or thereafter by  
15 interviewing participants or witnesses shall, ~~within twenty-four~~  
16 ~~hours after completing such investigation,~~ forward a written  
17 report of such accident to the department.

18 Sec. 2. Section 321A.5, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended  
19 to read as follows:

20 1. The department shall, immediately or within sixty days  
21 after the receipt of a report of a motor vehicle accident within  
22 this state which has resulted in bodily injury or death to any  
23 person, or property damage ~~to the property of any one person in~~  
24 the amount of ~~one~~ five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars or more,  
25 suspend the license of each operator and all registrations of  
26 each owner of a motor vehicle in any manner involved in the  
27 accident, and if the operator is a nonresident the privilege of  
28 operating a motor vehicle within this state, and if the owner  
29 is a nonresident the privilege of the use within this state  
30 of any motor vehicle owned by the owner, unless the operator  
31 or owner or both shall deposit security in a sum which shall  
32 be sufficient in the judgment of the department to satisfy any  
33 judgment or judgments for damages resulting from the accident as  
34 may be recovered against the operator or owner; provided notice  
35 of the suspension shall be sent by the department to the operator

1 and owner not less than ten days prior to the effective date of  
2 the suspension and shall state the amount required as security.

3 Sec. 3. Section 321I.11, Code 2025, is amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 **321I.11 Accident reports.**

6 If an all-terrain vehicle is involved in an accident resulting  
7 in injury or death to ~~anyone~~ any person, or property damage  
8 amounting to ~~one~~ five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars or more,  
9 either the operator or someone acting for the operator shall  
10 immediately notify the county sheriff or another law enforcement  
11 agency in the state. If the accident occurred on public land,  
12 public ice, or a designated riding trail under the jurisdiction  
13 of the commission, the operator shall file with the commission  
14 a report of the accident, within seventy-two hours, containing  
15 information as the commission may require. All other accidents  
16 shall be reported as required under section 321.266.