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H.B. No. 4176

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the investigation of certain motor vehicle collisions
by former peace officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 550.041, Transportation
Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 550.041. INVESTIGATION BY PEACE OFFICER OR DESIGNEE OF
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

SECTION 2. Section 550.041, Transportation Code, is amended
by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A former peace officer who is designated by a law
enforcement agency and who has successfully completed a training
program on investigating motor vehicle collisions approved by the
Texas Commission on Law Enforcement may investigate a motor vehicle
collision, without regard to whether the collision occurred on
property to which this chapter applies, if:

(1) no offense was committed during the collision; and
(2) no injury or death of a person occurred as a result
of the collision.

SECTION 3. The heading to Section 550.062, Transportation
Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 550.062. OFFICER'S OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
DESIGNEE'S COLLISION REPORT.

SECTION 4. Section 550.062, Transportation Code, is amended

1 by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsections (b), (b-1), and
2 (c) to read as follows:

3 (a-1) A former peace officer who is designated by a law
4 enforcement agency to investigate a motor vehicle collision in
5 accordance with Section 550.041(c) shall make a written report
6 summarizing the findings of the investigation.

7 (b) The report required by Subsection (a) or (a-1) must be
8 filed electronically with the department not later than the 10th
9 day after the date of the collision.

10 (b-1) If the motor vehicle collision involved a combination
11 of vehicles operating under a permit issued under Section 623.402,
12 the report required by Subsection (a) or (a-1) must include the
13 weight and the number of axles of the vehicle combination.

14 (c) This section applies without regard to whether the
15 officer or former peace officer designated by a law enforcement
16 agency, as applicable, investigates the collision at the location
17 of the collision and immediately after the collision or afterwards
18 by interviewing those involved in the collision or witnesses to the
19 collision.

20 SECTION 5. Section 550.068, Transportation Code, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 550.068. CHANGING COLLISION REPORT. (a) Except as
23 provided by Subsection (b), a change in or a modification of a
24 written report of a motor vehicle collision prepared by a peace
25 officer or former peace officer designated by a law enforcement
26 agency that alters a material fact in the report may be made only by
27 the peace officer or former peace officer, as applicable, who

1 prepared the report.

2 (b) A change in or a modification of the written report of
3 the collision may be made by a person other than the peace officer
4 or former peace officer, as applicable, who prepared the report if:

5 (1) the change is made by a written supplement to the
6 report; and

7 (2) the written supplement clearly indicates the name
8 of the person who originated the change.

9 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.