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H.B. No. 2998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the reporting and recording of a motor vehicle accident
3 involving an official vehicle driven by a peace officer, fire
4 fighter, or an emergency medical services employee in the course of
5 official duties.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 521.042(c), Transportation Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (c) The record of a license holder who is employed as a peace
10 officer, fire fighter, or emergency medical services employee of
11 this state, a political subdivision of this state, or a special
12 purpose district may not include information relating to a traffic
13 accident that occurs [~~during an emergency~~] while the peace officer,
14 fire fighter, or emergency medical services employee is driving an
15 official vehicle in the course and scope of the license holder's
16 official duties.

17 SECTION 2. Section 550.064(b), Transportation Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (b) An accident report form prepared by the department must:
20 (1) require sufficiently detailed information to
21 disclose the cause and conditions of and the persons and vehicles
22 involved in an accident if the form is for the report to be made by a
23 person involved in or investigating the accident;
24 (2) include a way to designate and identify a peace

1 officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services employee who
2 [~~during an emergency~~] is involved in an accident while driving a law
3 enforcement vehicle, fire department vehicle, or emergency medical
4 services vehicle while performing the person's duties;

5 (3) require a statement by a person described by
6 Subdivision (2) as to the nature of the emergency; and

7 (4) include a way to designate whether an individual
8 involved in an accident wants to be contacted by a person seeking to
9 obtain employment as a professional described by Section 38.01(12),
10 Penal Code.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.