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H.B. No. 343

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,  
4 firefighter, or an emergency medical services employee in the  
5 course of 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 if:

17 (1) the traffic accident resulted in damages to  
18 property of less than \$1,000; or

19 (2) an investigation of the accident by a peace  
20 officer, other than a peace officer involved in the accident,  
21 determines that the peace officer, fire fighter, or emergency  
22 medical services employee involved in the accident was not at  
23 fault.

24 SECTION 2. Section 550.064(b), Transportation Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (b) An accident report form prepared by the department must:

3 (1) require sufficiently detailed information to  
4 disclose the cause and conditions of and the persons and vehicles  
5 involved in an accident if the form is for the report to be made by a  
6 person involved in or investigating the accident;

7 (2) include a way to designate and identify a peace  
8 officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services employee who  
9 [~~during an emergency~~] is involved in an accident while driving a law  
10 enforcement vehicle, fire department vehicle, or emergency medical  
11 services vehicle while performing the person's duties;

12 (3) require a statement by a person described by  
13 Subdivision (2) as to the nature of the accident [~~emergency~~]; and

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

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.