

1-1 By: Fletcher (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 343
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2011;
1-3 May 2, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 17, 2011, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 17, 2011,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the reporting and recording of a motor vehicle accident
1-10 involving an official vehicle driven by a peace officer,
1-11 firefighter, or an emergency medical services employee in the
1-12 course of official duties.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 521.042(c), Transportation Code, is
1-15 amended to read as follows:

1-16 (c) The record of a license holder who is employed as a peace
1-17 officer, fire fighter, or emergency medical services employee of
1-18 this state, a political subdivision of this state, or a special
1-19 purpose district may not include information relating to a traffic
1-20 accident that occurs [~~during an emergency~~] while the peace officer,
1-21 fire fighter, or emergency medical services employee is driving an
1-22 official vehicle in the course and scope of the license holder's
1-23 official duties if:

1-24 (1) the traffic accident resulted in damages to
1-25 property of less than \$1,000; or

1-26 (2) an investigation of the accident by a peace
1-27 officer, other than a peace officer involved in the accident,
1-28 determines that the peace officer, fire fighter, or emergency
1-29 medical services employee involved in the accident was not at
1-30 fault.

1-31 SECTION 2. Section 550.064(b), Transportation Code, is
1-32 amended to read as follows:

1-33 (b) An accident report form prepared by the department must:

1-34 (1) require sufficiently detailed information to
1-35 disclose the cause and conditions of and the persons and vehicles
1-36 involved in an accident if the form is for the report to be made by a
1-37 person involved in or investigating the accident;

1-38 (2) include a way to designate and identify a peace
1-39 officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services employee who
1-40 [~~during an emergency~~] is involved in an accident while driving a law
1-41 enforcement vehicle, fire department vehicle, or emergency medical
1-42 services vehicle while performing the person's duties;

1-43 (3) require a statement by a person described by
1-44 Subdivision (2) as to the nature of the accident [~~emergency~~]; and

1-45 (4) include a way to designate whether an individual
1-46 involved in an accident wants to be contacted by a person seeking to
1-47 obtain employment as a professional described by Section 38.01(12),
1-48 Penal Code.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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