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S.B. No. 57

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the release of a motor vehicle accident report to an
3 authorized representative of certain professionals.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 550.065(c), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (c) On written request and payment of any required fee, the
8 department or the governmental entity shall release the information
9 to:

- 10 (1) an entity described by Subsection (b);
- 11 (2) the law enforcement agency that employs the peace
12 officer who investigated the accident and sent the information to
13 the department, including an agent of the law enforcement agency
14 authorized by contract to obtain the information;
- 15 (3) the court in which a case involving a person
16 involved in the accident is pending if the report is subpoenaed; or
- 17 (4) any person directly concerned in the accident or
18 having a proper interest therein, including:
- 19 (A) any person involved in the accident;
- 20 (B) the authorized representative of any person
21 involved in the accident;
- 22 (C) a driver involved in the accident;
- 23 (D) an employer, parent, or legal guardian of a
24 driver involved in the accident;

1 (E) the owner of a vehicle or property damaged in
2 the accident;

3 (F) a person who has established financial
4 responsibility for a vehicle involved in the accident in a manner
5 described by Section 601.051, including a policyholder of a motor
6 vehicle liability insurance policy covering the vehicle;

7 (G) an insurance company that issued an insurance
8 policy covering a vehicle involved in the accident;

9 (H) an insurance company that issued a policy
10 covering any person involved in the accident;

11 (I) a person under contract to provide claims or
12 underwriting information to a person described by Paragraph (F),
13 (G), or (H);

14 (J) a radio or television station that holds a
15 license issued by the Federal Communications Commission;

16 (K) a newspaper that is:

17 (i) a free newspaper of general circulation
18 or qualified under Section 2051.044, Government Code, to publish
19 legal notices;

20 (ii) published at least once a week; and

21 (iii) available and of interest to the
22 general public in connection with the dissemination of news; ~~or~~

23 (L) any person who may sue because of death
24 resulting from the accident; or

25 (M) the authorized representative of a medical,
26 legal, or other professional involved in a suit arising from the
27 provision of professional services by the professional in

1 connection with the accident.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.