

1-1 By: Hernandez, Cain (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.B. No. 1964
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 5, 2023;
 1-3 April 12, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 11, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 11, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the release of a motor vehicle accident report to an
 1-20 employee or authorized representative of a vehicle storage
 1-21 facility.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 550.065(c), Transportation Code, is
 1-24 amended to read as follows:

1-25 (c) On written request and payment of any required fee, the
 1-26 department or the governmental entity shall release the information
 1-27 to:

1-28 (1) an entity described by Subsection (b);

1-29 (2) the law enforcement agency that employs the peace
 1-30 officer who investigated the accident and sent the information to
 1-31 the department, including an agent of the law enforcement agency
 1-32 authorized by contract to obtain the information;

1-33 (3) the court in which a case involving a person
 1-34 involved in the accident is pending if the report is subpoenaed; or

1-35 (4) any person directly concerned in the accident or
 1-36 having a proper interest therein, including:

1-37 (A) any person involved in the accident;

1-38 (B) the authorized representative of any person
 1-39 involved in the accident;

1-40 (C) a driver involved in the accident;

1-41 (D) an employer, parent, or legal guardian of a
 1-42 driver involved in the accident;

1-43 (E) the owner of a vehicle or property damaged in
 1-44 the accident;

1-45 (F) a person who has established financial
 1-46 responsibility for a vehicle involved in the accident in a manner
 1-47 described by Section 601.051, including a policyholder of a motor
 1-48 vehicle liability insurance policy covering the vehicle;

1-49 (G) an insurance company that issued an insurance
 1-50 policy covering a vehicle involved in the accident;

1-51 (H) an insurance company that issued a policy
 1-52 covering any person involved in the accident;

1-53 (I) a person under contract to provide claims or
 1-54 underwriting information to a person described by Paragraph (F),
 1-55 (G), or (H);

1-56 (J) a radio or television station that holds a
 1-57 license issued by the Federal Communications Commission;

1-58 (K) a newspaper that is:

1-59 (i) a free newspaper of general circulation
 1-60 or qualified under Section 2051.044, Government Code, to publish
 1-61 legal notices;

2-1 (ii) published at least once a week; and
 2-2 (iii) available and of interest to the
 2-3 general public in connection with the dissemination of news; ~~or~~
 2-4 (L) any person who may sue because of death
 2-5 resulting from the accident; or
 2-6 (M) an employee or authorized representative of a
 2-7 vehicle storage facility, as defined by Section 2303.002,
 2-8 Occupations Code, that stored a vehicle involved in the accident.
 2-9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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