

CHAPTER 332

H.B. No. 1259

An Act relating to the reporting of vehicle accidents that result in injury to or the death of a person or in damage to a vehicle.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 43, Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43. IMMEDIATE REPORTS OF ACCIDENTS. (a) The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or damage to any vehicle to the extent that it cannot be normally and safely driven shall immediately by the quickest means of communication give notice of such accident to:

- (1) the local police department if ~~the~~ ~~such~~ accident occurs within a municipality;
- (2) the local police department or the county sheriff if the accident occurs not more than 100 feet outside the limits of a municipality; or
- (3) ~~;~~ ~~otherwise to~~ the office of the county sheriff or the nearest office of the Department if the accident is not required to be reported under Subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection ~~[Texas Highway Patrol]~~.

(b) *If a section of road is within 100 feet of the limits of more than one municipality, the municipalities may enter into an agreement regarding the maintenance of reports made under Subsection (a)(2) of this section. A county may enter into an agreement with municipalities in the county regarding the maintenance of reports made under Subsection (a)(2) of this section. An agreement under this subsection may not affect the duty to report placed on an individual under Subsection (a) of this section.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985, and applies only to a motor vehicle accident that occurs on or after that date. A motor vehicle accident that occurs before the effective date of this Act is subject to the law in effect when the accident occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 16, 1985, by a non-record vote; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1259 on May 17, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Effective: September 1, 1985