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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-408

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-408

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that in the case of a fatal motor vehicle accident involving 2 or more vehicles, a traffic crash reconstruction report must be completed within 30 days of the accident.

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AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
Section 11-408 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-408) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-408)
7 Sec. 11-408. Police to report motor vehicle accident
8 investigations.

9 (a) Every law enforcement officer who investigates a motor vehicle accident for which a report is required by this Article 10 11 or who prepares a written report as a result of an investigation either at the time and scene of such motor 12 vehicle accident or thereafter by interviewing participants or 13 14 witnesses shall forward a written report of such motor vehicle accident to the Administrator on forms provided by the 15 Administrator under Section 11-411 within 10 days after 16 17 investigation of the motor vehicle accident, or within such other time as is prescribed by the Administrator. In the case 18 19 of a fatal motor vehicle accident involving 2 or more vehicles, 20 a traffic crash reconstruction report must be completed within 21 30 days of the accident. Such written reports required to be forwarded by law enforcement officers and the information 22 contained therein are privileged as to the Secretary of State 23

and the Department and, in the case of second division vehicles 1 2 operated under certificate of convenience and necessity issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission, to the Commission, but 3 shall not be held confidential by the reporting law enforcement 4 5 officer or agency. The Secretary of State may also disclose 6 notations of accident involvement maintained on individual 7 driving records. However, the Administrator or the Secretary of 8 State may require a supplemental written report from the 9 reporting law enforcement officer and such supplemental report 10 shall be for the privileged use of the Secretary of State and 11 the Department and shall be held confidential. Upon request, 12 the Department shall furnish copies of its written accident 13 reports to federal, State, and local agencies that are engaged 14 in highway safety research and studies. The reports shall be for the privileged use of the federal, State, and local 15 16 agencies receiving the reports and shall be held confidential.

17 (b) The Department at its discretion may require a 18 supplemental written report from the reporting law enforcement 19 officer on a form supplied by the Department to be submitted 20 directly to the Department. Such supplemental report may be 21 used only for accident studies and statistical or analytical 22 purposes, and shall be for the privileged use of the Department 23 and shall be held confidential.

(c) The Department at its discretion may also provide for
 in-depth investigations of a motor vehicle accident by
 individuals or special investigation groups, including but not

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limited to police officers, photographers, engineers, doctors, 1 2 mechanics, and as a result of the investigation may require the submission of written reports, photographs, charts, sketches, 3 graphs, or a combination of all. Such individual written 4 5 reports, photographs, charts, sketches, or graphs may be used only for accident studies and statistical or analytical 6 purposes, shall be for the privileged use of the Department and 7 8 held confidential, and shall not be used in any trial, civil or 9 criminal.

10 (d) On and after July 1, 1997, law enforcement officers who 11 have reason to suspect that the motor vehicle accident was the 12 result of a driver's loss of consciousness due to a medical condition, as defined by the Driver's License Medical Review 13 14 Law of 1992, or the result of any medical condition that 15 impaired the driver's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle 16 shall notify the Secretary of this determination. The 17 Secretary, in conjunction with the Driver's License Medical Advisory Board, shall determine by administrative rule the 18 19 temporary conditions not required to be reported under the 20 provisions of this Section. The Secretary shall, in conjunction with the Illinois State Police and representatives of local and 21 22 county law enforcement agencies, promulgate anv rules 23 necessary and develop the procedures and documents that may be required to obtain written, electronic, or other agreed upon 24 25 methods of notification to implement the provisions of this 26 Section.

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1 (e) Law enforcement officers reporting under the 2 provisions of subsection (d) of this Section shall enjoy the 3 same immunities granted members of the Driver's License Medical 4 Advisory Board under Section 6-910 of this Code.

5 (f) All information furnished to the Secretary under 6 subsection (d) of this Section shall be deemed confidential and 7 for the privileged use of the Secretary in accordance with the 8 provisions of subsection (j) of Section 2-123 of this Code. 9 (Source: P.A. 96-1147, eff. 7-21-10.)

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