LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Rules (Smith) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 69 and 70 insert:

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Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 316.066, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.066 Written reports of crashes.-

- (1)(a) A Florida Traffic Crash Report, Long Form, must is required to be completed and submitted to the department within 10 days after completing an investigation is completed by the every law enforcement officer who in the regular course of duty investigates a motor vehicle crash:
 - 1. That resulted in death, or personal injury, or any

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indication of complaints of pain or discomfort by any of the parties or passengers involved in the crash; -

- 2. That involved one or more passengers, other than the drivers of the vehicles, in any of the vehicles involved in the crash;
- 3.2. That involved a violation of s. 316.061(1) or s. 316.193; or-
- 4.3. In which a vehicle was rendered inoperative to a degree that required a wrecker to remove it from traffic, if such action is appropriate, in the officer's discretion.
- (b) In every crash for which a Florida Traffic Crash Report, Long Form, is not required by this section, the law enforcement officer may complete a short-form crash report or provide a short-form crash report to be completed by each party involved in the crash. Short-form crash reports prepared by the law enforcement officer shall be maintained by the officer's agency.
 - (c) The long-form and the short-form report must include:
 - 1. The date, time, and location of the crash.
 - 2. A description of the vehicles involved.
 - 3. The names and addresses of the parties involved.
- 4. The names and addresses of all passengers in all vehicles involved in the crash, each clearly identified as being a passenger and the identification of the vehicle in which they were a passenger.
 - 5.4. The names and addresses of witnesses.
- 6.5. The name, badge number, and law enforcement agency of the officer investigating the crash.
 - 7.6. The names of the insurance companies for the

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respective parties involved in the crash.

(d) (c) Each party to the crash must shall provide the law enforcement officer with proof of insurance, which must to be included in the crash report. If a law enforcement officer submits a report on the accident, proof of insurance must be provided to the officer by each party involved in the crash. Any party who fails to provide the required information commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318, unless the officer determines that due to injuries or other special circumstances such insurance information cannot be provided immediately. If the person provides the law enforcement agency, within 24 hours after the crash, proof of insurance that was valid at the time of the crash, the law enforcement agency may void the citation.

(e) (d) The driver of a vehicle that was in any manner involved in a crash resulting in damage to any vehicle or other property in an amount of \$500 or more, which crash was not investigated by a law enforcement agency, shall, within 10 days after the crash, submit a written report of the crash to the department or traffic records center. The entity receiving the report may require witnesses of the crash erashes to render reports and may require any driver of a vehicle involved in a crash of which a written report must be made as provided in this section to file supplemental written reports if whenever the original report is deemed insufficient by the receiving entity.

- (f) The investigating law enforcement officer may testify at trial or provide a signed affidavit to confirm or supplement the information included on the long-form or short-form report.
 - (e) Short-form crash reports prepared by law enforcement

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shall be maintained by the law enforcement officer's agency.

73 ======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== 74 And the title is amended as follows: 75 76 Delete line 5 77 and insert: 78 license applicants; amending s. 316.066, F.S.; 79 revising provisions relating to the type of traffic crashes that must be investigated by a law enforcement 80

officer; revising the type of information that must be included in crash reports; authorizing the investigating officer to testify at trial or provide an affidavit concerning the content of the reports; amending ss. 440.12 and 440.20,