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SENATE DRS35289-ML-124 (03/13)

Short Title: Submit Accident Reports Electronically.-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rabon and Harrington (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTING ONE
3 HUNDRED OR MORE ACCIDENT REPORTS ANNUALLY TO THE DIVISION OF
4 MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE DIVISION OF MOTOR
5 VEHICLES BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-166.1(e) reads as rewritten:

8 "(e) Investigation by Officer. – The appropriate law enforcement agency must
9 investigate a reportable accident. A law-enforcement officer who investigates a reportable
10 accident, whether at the scene of the accident or by subsequent investigations and interviews,
11 must make a written report of the accident within 24 hours of the accident and must forward it
12 as required by this subsection. The report must contain information on financial responsibility
13 for the vehicle driven by the person whom the officer identified as at fault for the accident.

14 If the officer writing the report is a member of the State Highway Patrol, the officer must
15 forward the report to the Division. If the officer is not a member of the State Highway Patrol,
16 the officer must forward the report to the local law enforcement agency for the area where the
17 accident occurred. A local law enforcement agency that receives an accident report must
18 forward it to the Division within 10 days after receiving the report.

19 Any law enforcement agency required to submit an accident report to the Division pursuant
20 to this subsection shall submit the accident report by electronic means if the law enforcement
21 agency submits more than 100 accident reports to the Division per year. Any law enforcement
22 agency submitting less than 100 accident reports to the Division per year may submit the
23 accident reports by either paper or electronic means.

24 When a person injured in a reportable accident dies as a result of the accident within 12
25 months after the accident and the death was not reported in the original report, the law
26 enforcement officer investigating the accident must file a supplemental report that includes the
27 death."

28 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2014.

