



January 21, 2025

HOUSE BILL No. 1012

DIGEST OF HB 1012 (Updated January 14, 2025 2:50 pm - DI 116)

Citations Affected: IC 5-2; IC 34-30.

Synopsis: Notice to owner of the site of an accident. Provides that, on or before July 1, 2026, each law enforcement agency shall adopt and implement protocols for the law enforcement agency to notify a real property owner of: (1) damage to the owner's real property, crops, or a building, structure, or fixture attached to the owner's real property that is reported to a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency; and (2) debris identified by a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency that is left on the owner's real property that could damage farm equipment or other vehicles or property; resulting from a motor vehicle accident.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

Prescott

January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.
January 21, 2025, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-2-26 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2025]:

4 **Chapter 26. Protocols for Notification of Property Owners After**
5 **Accident**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "law enforcement agency" has**
7 **the meaning set forth in IC 5-2-17-2.**

8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "law enforcement officer" has**
9 **the meaning set forth in IC 5-2-1-2.**

10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "motor vehicle" has the meaning**
11 **set forth in IC 9-13-2-105.**

12 **Sec. 4. (a) On or before July 1, 2026, each law enforcement**
13 **agency shall adopt and implement protocols requiring the law**
14 **enforcement agency to notify a real property owner, in a time**
15 **frame and in a manner prescribed by the law enforcement agency,**
16 **of:**

17 **(1) damage to the owner's real property, crops, or a building,**

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1 structure, or fixture attached to the owner's real property
2 that is reported to a law enforcement officer or law
3 enforcement agency in accordance with
4 IC 9-26-1-1.1(a)(4)(B); and
5 (2) debris identified by a law enforcement officer or law
6 enforcement agency that is left on the owner's real property
7 that could damage farm equipment or other vehicles or
8 property;
9 resulting from a motor vehicle accident.
10 (b) A law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency is
11 immune from civil or criminal liability for failing to comply with
12 protocols established under this section, unless the noncompliance
13 constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.
14 SECTION 2. IC 34-30-2.1-32.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
15 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 32.7. IC 5-2-26-4(b) (Concerning**
17 **law enforcement notification of property owners after accident).**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred House Bill 1012, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 12 through 14, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 4. (a) On or before July 1, 2026, each law enforcement agency shall adopt and implement protocols requiring the law enforcement agency to notify a real property owner, in a time frame and in a manner prescribed by the law enforcement agency, of:"

Page 2, after line 7, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) A law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency is immune from civil or criminal liability for failing to comply with protocols established under this section, unless the noncompliance constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

SECTION 2. IC 34-30-2.1-32.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 32.7. IC 5-2-26-4(b) (Concerning law enforcement notification of property owners after accident).**"

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1012 as introduced.)

BARTELS

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 0.

