

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0228

Reporting of vehicle accidents.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Brown, Blake, Eklund,  
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the regulation of traffic on highways;  
2 amending provisions governing the reporting of vehicle  
3 accidents; providing applicability; and providing for an  
4 effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-1105 and 31-5-1106(c) are  
9 amended to read:

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11 **31-5-1105. Notice required of driver.**

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13 The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting  
14 in injury to or death of any person, in total property  
15 damage excluding damage to motor vehicles to an apparent

1 extent of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) or more, in  
2 property damage to another or others to an apparent extent  
3 of at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or in any  
4 vehicle, excluding bicycles or any other vehicle moved  
5 solely by human power, becoming total damage to motor  
6 vehicles to an apparent extent of three thousand five  
7 hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) or more, or in damage to a  
8 motor vehicle that causes it to be so disabled as to  
9 prevent its normal and safe operation, shall immediately by  
10 the quickest means of communication give notice of the  
11 accident to the local police department if the accident  
12 occurs within a municipality, otherwise to the nearest  
13 office of the state highway patrol or to the office of the  
14 county sheriff.

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16 **31-5-1106. Written reports required of police**  
17 **officers; reporting of vehicles struck by bullets.**

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19 (c) Every police officer who investigates a motor  
20 vehicle accident resulting either at the time of the  
21 accident and at the scene of the accident, or thereafter by  
22 interviewing the participants or witnesses, shall forward a  
23 written report of the accident to the highway department

1 within ten (10) days after the officer's investigation of  
2 the accident if the accident resulted in:

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4 (i) Bodily injury to or death of any person;~~or~~

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6 (ii) Total property damage excluding damage to  
7 motor vehicles to an apparent extent of ~~one thousand~~  
8 ~~dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) or  
9 more; or

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11 (iii) Total damage to motor vehicles to an  
12 apparent extent of three thousand five hundred dollars  
13 (\$3,500.00) or more., ~~either at the time of and at the~~  
14 ~~scene of the accident or thereafter by interviewing the~~  
15 ~~participants or witnesses shall forward a written report of~~  
16 ~~the accident to the highway department within ten (10) days~~  
17 ~~after his investigation of the accident.~~

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19 **Section 2.** This act shall only apply to vehicle  
20 accidents that occur on or after the effective date of this  
21 act.

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1           **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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