

1979 Assembly Bill 204

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## CHAPTER 99, Laws of 1979

AN ACT to amend 346.70 (1) and (4) (a) and (h) of the statutes, relating to the requirement to report accidents resulting in property damage and providing a penalty.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 346.70 (1) and (4) (a) and (h) of the statutes are amended to read:

346.70 (1) IMMEDIATE NOTICE OF ACCIDENT. The operator of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person, any damage to state or other government-owned property to an apparent extent of \$200 or more or total ~~property~~ damage to

all property to an apparent extent of ~~\$200~~ \$400 or more shall immediately by the quickest means of communication give notice of such accident to the police department, the sheriff's department or the traffic department of the county or municipality in which the accident occurred or to a state traffic patrol officer. In this subsection, "injury" means injury to a person of a physical nature resulting in death or the need of first aid or attention by a physician or surgeon, whether or not first aid or medical or surgical treatment was actually received; "total ~~property~~ damage to all property" means the sum total cost of putting the property damaged in the condition it was before the accident, if repair thereof is practical, and if not practical, the sum total cost of replacing such property.

(4) (a) Every law enforcement agency investigating or receiving a report of a traffic accident ~~resulting in injury to or death of a person or total property damage to an apparent extent of \$200 or more as described in sub. (1)~~ shall forward a report of ~~such the~~ the accident to the department within 10 days after the date of ~~such the~~ the accident.

(h) Every law enforcement agency investigating or receiving a report of a traffic accident ~~resulting in injury to or death of a person or total property damage to an apparent extent of \$200 or more as described in sub. (1)~~ shall forward a copy of the report of the accident to the county traffic safety commission or to the person designated to maintain spot maps under s. 83.013 (1) (a) in the county where the accident occurred when the accident occurred on a county or town road or on a city or village street where the population of the city or village is less than 5,000. For traffic accidents occurring within a city or village with a population of 5,000 or more, the law enforcement agency investigating or receiving a report shall forward a copy of the report of the accident to the city or village where the accident occurred.

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