

1969 Assembly Bill 955

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CHAPTER 439, LAWS OF 1969

AN ACT to amend 344.12 and 346.70 (1) and (4) (a) of the statutes, relating to an increase in the reportable accident damage minimum.

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

SECTION 1. 344.12 of the statutes is amended to read:

344.12 Subject to the exceptions contained in s. 344.14, the provisions of this chapter requiring deposit of security and requiring suspension for failure to deposit security apply to the operator and owner of every motor vehicle which is in any manner involved in an accident in this state which has resulted in bodily injury to or death of any person or damage to property of any other person in excess of ~~\$100~~ \$200.

SECTION 2. 346.70 (1) and (4) (a) of the statutes are amended to read:

346.70 (1) The operator of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or total property damage to an apparent extent of ~~\$100~~ \$200 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" 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 ~~\$100~~ \$200 or more shall forward a report of such accident to the ~~motor vehicle department~~ *division of motor vehicles* within 10 days after the date of such accident.

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