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 to $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 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 the accident to the department within 10 days after the date of such accident.

(b) Every law enforcement agency investigating or receiving a report of a traffic accident resulting in injury or death or total property damage to all property 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.