

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 602**

Short Title:    Submit Accident Reports Electronically.-AB (Public)

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Sponsors:     Senators Rabon, Harrington (Primary Sponsors); Hise and Meredith.

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Referred to:   Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTING ONE  
3 HUNDRED OR MORE ACCIDENT REPORTS ANNUALLY TO THE DIVISION OF  
4 MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE DIVISION OF MOTOR  
5 VEHICLES BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7        **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-166.1(e) reads as rewritten:

8        "(e) Investigation by Officer. – The appropriate law enforcement agency must  
9 investigate a reportable accident. A law-enforcement officer who investigates a reportable  
10 accident, whether at the scene of the accident or by subsequent investigations and interviews,  
11 must make a written report of the accident within 24 hours of the accident and must forward it  
12 as required by this subsection. The report must contain information on financial responsibility  
13 for the vehicle driven by the person whom the officer identified as at fault for the accident.

14        If the officer writing the report is a member of the State Highway Patrol, the officer must  
15 forward the report to the Division. If the officer is not a member of the State Highway Patrol,  
16 the officer must forward the report to the local law enforcement agency for the area where the  
17 accident occurred. A local law enforcement agency that receives an accident report must  
18 forward it to the Division within 10 days after receiving the report.

19        Any law enforcement agency required to submit an accident report to the Division pursuant  
20 to this subsection shall submit the accident report by electronic means if the law enforcement  
21 agency submits more than 100 accident reports to the Division per year. Any law enforcement  
22 agency submitting less than 100 accident reports to the Division per year may submit the  
23 accident reports by either paper or electronic means.

24        When a person injured in a reportable accident dies as a result of the accident within 12  
25 months after the accident and the death was not reported in the original report, the law  
26 enforcement officer investigating the accident must file a supplemental report that includes the  
27 death."

28        **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2014.

