

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Senator Gwatney**

A Bill

ACT 570 OF 1995
SENATE BILL 503

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 27-53-202 AND § 27-53-206
9 TO REQUIRE THAT TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORTS INCLUDE
10 PROVISIONS INQUIRING ABOUT ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY THE
11 DRIVER_S LAPSE OF CONSCIOUSNESS OR OTHER PHYSICAL
12 CONDITION OR DISABILITY WHICH AFFECTS THE SAFE OPERATION
13 OF THE VEHICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
17 REPORTS INCLUDE INQUIRES ABOUT A
18 DRIVER_S LAPSE OF CONSCIOUSNESS OR OTHER
19 PHYSICAL DISABILITY AFFECTING VEHICLE
20 OPERATION."

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-53-202 is hereby amended to read as
25 follows:

26 "27-53-202. Reports of accidents required - Supplemental reports.

27 (a) The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury
28 to or death of any person or total property damage to an apparent extent of
29 fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more shall forward a written report of the accident
30 to the Arkansas State Police within forty-eight (48) hours after the accident.

31 (b) (1) The driver of any taxicab, motor bus, or other motor vehicle
32 carrying passengers for hire involved in an accident resulting in injury to or
33 death of any person shall forward a written report of the accident to the
34 Arkansas State Police within forty-eight (48) hours after the accident.

35 (2) The report shall contain a full and complete list of the
36 names and addresses of all passengers occupying the taxicab, bus, or other

1 vehicle at the time of the accident.

2 (3) The report shall include provisions which inquire about
3 whether or not the accident was caused as a result of the driver_s lapse of
4 consciousness, epileptic condition or similar nervous disorder, or an episode
5 of marked mental confusion or as a result of any physical disability, disease,
6 or disorder or any other medical condition of the driver affecting the
7 vehicle_s safe operation.

8 (c) The Arkansas State Police may require any driver of a vehicle
9 involved in an accident of which report must be made as provided in this
10 section to file supplemental reports whenever the original report is
11 insufficient in the opinion of the Arkansas State Police and may require
12 witnesses of an accident to render reports to the Arkansas State Police.

13 (d) In all traffic accidents involving motorcycles, motor-driven
14 cycles, motorized bicycles, or any other two or three-wheeled motor vehicle,
15 all written reports of the accident shall be supplemented with a motorcycle
16 traffic accident report."

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18 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-53-206 is hereby amended to read as
19 follows:

20 "27-53-206. Approved forms to be used.

21 (a) (1) The Arkansas State Police shall prepare and upon request supply
22 to police departments, coroners, sheriffs, and other suitable agencies or
23 individuals forms for accident reports required under this subchapter.

24 (2) The reports shall call for sufficiently detailed information
25 to disclose with reference to a traffic accident the cause, conditions then
26 existing, and the persons and vehicles involved. Every accident report shall
27 include provisions which inquire about whether or not the accident was caused
28 as a result of the driver_s lapse of consciousness, epileptic condition or
29 similar nervous disorder, or an episode of marked mental confusion or as a
30 result of any physical disability, disease, or disorder or any other medical
31 condition of the driver.

32 (b) Every required accident report shall be made on a form approved by
33 the Arkansas State Police.

34 (c) The motorcycle traffic accident report shall be made upon forms
35 approved and supplied by the Department of Arkansas State Police, with the

1 concurrence of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department."

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3 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature
4 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
5 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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7 SECTION 4. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
8 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
9 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
10 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
11 act are declared to be severable.

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13 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
14 hereby repealed.

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