

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Beebe**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE TO PROVIDE THAT POLICE
9 OFFICERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
10 INVOLVING PROPERTY DAMAGE OF LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED
11 DOLLARS (\$500.00) UNLESS ONE OF THE PARTIES REQUESTS AN
12 INVESTIGATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT POLICE OFFICERS ARE NOT REQUIRED
15 TO INVESTIGATE CERTAIN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS."
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-53-202 (a) is hereby amended to read as
21 follows:

22 "(a) The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury
23 to or death of any person or total property damage to an apparent extent of
24 five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more shall forward a written report of the
25 accident to the Arkansas State Police within forty-eight (48) hours after the
26 accident."
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28 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 27-53-301 is hereby amended to read as
29 follows:

30 "27-53-301. Purpose.

31 The purpose of this subchapter is to promote the public welfare by the
32 reduction of traffic accidents and deaths, injuries, and property damage
33 resulting from accidents and, to this end, to require that all traffic
34 accidents be investigated and reported by qualified law enforcement officers
35 within their jurisdictions except that no investigation is required of traffic

1 accidents involving only property damage of less than five hundred dollars
2 (\$500.00) unless requested by one of the parties."

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4 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 27-53-303 (a) is hereby amended to read as
5 follows:

6 "(a) Within their jurisdictions, and cooperatively in overlapping
7 jurisdictional situations, such as the state highway extensions within
8 municipal corporations, law enforcement officers of Arkansas are declared to
9 be responsible for the investigation and reporting of all traffic accidents
10 and the deaths, injuries, and property damage resulting therefrom except that
11 no investigation is required of traffic accidents involving only property
12 damage of less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) unless requested by one of
13 the parties."

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

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19 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
20 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
21 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
22 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
23 act are declared to be severable.

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25 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
26 hereby repealed.

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