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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 18-3—SB 471

Judiciary Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORT
FOR AN ACCIDENT IN WHICH A PERSON WAS KILLED**

SUMMARY: This act requires the police or other agencies or individuals investigating a fatal motor vehicle accident (investigators) to refer the case to the state's attorney in the district where the accident took place if they are unable to determine the cause of the accident. The act also allows the state's attorney to refer the matter to the State Police for review and further investigation.

By law, investigators must send the transportation commissioner an accident report, within five days after completing an investigation, for any motor vehicle accident in which someone (1) was killed or injured or (2) incurred more than \$1,000 in property damage. The act requires the report to include, if possible and practicable, a conclusion as to the cause of any fatal accident. Existing law already requires accident reports to include information about the cause of a reportable accident.

The act also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018