

- 28 (i) a person involved in the accident, excluding a witness to the accident;
- 29 (ii) a person suffering loss or injury in the accident;
- 30 (iii) an agent, parent, or legal guardian of a person described in Subsections (3)(a)(i) and
- 31 (ii);
- 32 (iv) a member of the press or broadcast news media;
- 33 (v) a state, local, or federal agency that uses the records for official governmental,
- 34 investigative, or accident prevention purposes;
- 35 (vi) law enforcement personnel when acting in their official governmental capacity; and
- 36 (vii) a licensed private investigator.

37 (b) In accordance with Subsection (3)(a), the department shall disclose whether any person
38 or vehicle involved in an accident reported under this section was covered by a vehicle insurance
39 policy, and the name of the insurer.

40 (c) Information provided to a member of the press or broadcast news media under
41 Subsection (3)(a)(iv) may only include:

- 42 (i) the name, age, sex, and city of residence of each person involved in the accident;
- 43 (ii) the make and model year of each vehicle involved in the accident;
- 44 (iii) whether or not each person involved in the accident was covered by a vehicle
- 45 insurance policy;
- 46 (iv) the location of the accident; and
- 47 (v) a description of the accident that excludes personal identifying information not listed
- 48 in Subsection (3)(c)(i).

49 (d) The department shall disclose to any requesting person the following vehicle accident
50 history information:

- 51 (i) the make, model year, and vehicle identification number of each vehicle involved in
- 52 the accident;
- 53 (ii) the date of the accident; and
- 54 (iii) any electronically available data, that excludes personal identifying information, which
- 55 describes the accident, including a description of any physical damage to the vehicle.

56 (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), accident reports filed under this section
57 may not be used as evidence in any civil or criminal trial arising out of an accident.

58 (b) Upon demand of any party to the trial or upon demand of any court, the department

59 shall furnish a certificate showing that a specified accident report has or has not been made to the
60 department in compliance with law. If the report has been made, the certificate furnished by the
61 department shall show the date, time, and location of the accident, the names and addresses of the
62 drivers, the owners of the vehicles involved, and the investigating officers. The reports may be
63 used as evidence when necessary to prosecute charges filed in connection with a violation of
64 Subsection (5).

65 (5) A person who gives information in reports as required in this chapter knowing or
66 having reason to believe that the information is false is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

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