

House Research Act Summary

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Overview

This act modifies provisions governing motor vehicle crashes, stopping, collision reporting, and terminology. Among the changes, it: (1) expands a driver's duty to stop for motor vehicle collisions and to investigate what was struck; (2) expands conditions when a driver must remain at the scene and provide information; and (3) replaces the term "accident" with "collision" for hit and run provisions. The changes also impact the statute on criminal vehicular operation.

Section

- 1** **Collisions.** Modifies a section governing stops and reporting of motor vehicle collisions. Among the changes, the act:
- ▶ requires a driver to—in addition to stopping—investigate what was struck when a collision occurs;
 - ▶ amends provisions on remaining at the scene and providing information to include when a person knows or reasonably should know about the collision (i.e., one involving bodily injury or death, or damage to attended vehicle);
 - ▶ clarifies that stops made following collisions with unattended vehicles must not unnecessarily obstruct traffic;
 - ▶ revises terminology to use "collision" instead of "accident" for hit and run provisions;
 - ▶ narrows the misdemeanor penalties on failure to stop following collision with an attended or unattended vehicle, to apply the penalty only when there is damage to a vehicle; and
 - ▶ makes technical changes.

Section

2 **Criminal vehicular homicide or operation; crime described.** Makes conforming changes.