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ANNOUNCEMENT

In the last session of the Maryland General Assembly, the Legislature enacted HB 1409 ("Insurance-Fraud-Intentional Motor Vehicle Accidents, Creation of Documentation of Motor Vehicle Accidents, and Reports"), creating new Transportation Article 20-110. **Effective October 1, 2007** this new statute places restrictions on the release of motor vehicle accident reports within a sixty-day period after the report is filed.

Therefore the below listed procedures must be followed by persons or their authorized representative requesting a copy of a motor vehicle accident report from the Hagerstown City Police Department.

A person requesting a copy of a police investigated motor vehicle accident report within 60 days after the date a report is filed shall present or submit by mail to the law enforcement agency in which the report is filed:

1. A valid Driver's License or other State-Issued Identification card;
2. Proof that the person is a person authorized to receive the report;
The following persons are authorized to receive a report:
 - (1) The individuals involved in the motor vehicle accident;
 - (2) The legal representative of an individual involved in the motor vehicle accident;
 - (3) The insurance producer, insurer, or employee or agent of the insurer of an individual involved in the motor vehicle accident;
 - (4) A state's attorney or other prosecutor;
 - (5) A representative of a victim services program;
 - (6) An employee of a radio or television station licensed by the FCC;
 - (7) An employee of a newspaper; and
 - (8) A unit of local, state or federal government that is otherwise authorized to have access to a report in furtherance of the unit's duties.
3. A statement indicating that from the time the person is granted access to the report until sixty days after the date the report is filed:
 - (I) The report will not be used for any commercial solicitation of an individual in the report; and
 - (II) The person will not knowingly disclose any information contained in the report to a third party for commercial solicitation of an individual listed in the report.

A person who obtains a report in violation of the statute is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding fifteen (15) years or both.

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