AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:398(I)(1) and (a)(iii), relative to motor vehicle crash reports; to provide relative to the definition of an insurance support organization; to exempt healthcare providers from certain confidentiality requirements applicable to public records; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1.  R.S. 32:398(I)(1) and (a)(iii) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§398.  Crash reports; when and to whom made; information aid; fees for copies; fees for crash photographs and videos

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I.(1)  The reports required by this Section, and the information contained in the reports, shall be confidential, shall be exempt from the provisions of R.S. 44:1 et seq., and shall be made available only to the parties to the crash, parents or guardians of a minor who is a party to the crash, and insurers, or an insurance support organization under contract to provide claims and underwriting, of any party which is the subject of the report; to any healthcare provider, or their agent, that rendered healthcare services to any party which is the subject of the report; to the succession representatives of those parties or the attorneys of the parties or succession representatives; or to a news-gathering organization that requests documents related to a specific crash.  Upon request, crash reports shall be made
available to the above-enumerated persons within seven working days following the completion of the crash investigation.

(a) For the purposes of this Subsection, "insurance support organization" means any of the following:

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(iii) Agents, governmental institutions, and insurance institutions, medical-care institutions, and medical professionals shall not be considered an "insurance support organization".

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________________

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