

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 246

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

TRAFFIC/ACCIDENTS: Provides relative to an extension of the time period for coroners to report traffic fatalities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:398(H), relative to time periods for reporting traffic fatalities;  
3 to provide for an extension of time for coroners to report fatalities; and to provide for  
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:398(H) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §398. Accident reports; when and to whom made; information aid; fees for copies;  
8 fees for accident photographs

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10 H. Every person holding the office of coroner in this state, or, in the event  
11 of a vacancy in the office, the person performing the duties of coroner, shall report  
12 to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and to the Louisiana Highway  
13 Safety Commission the death of any person as a result of ~~an accident~~ a collision  
14 involving a motor vehicle, and the circumstances of the ~~accident~~ collision within ~~five~~  
15 sixty days following such death. Such reports shall be made on forms supplied or  
16 approved by the department as provided for in Subsection I of this Section. ~~Every~~  
17 ~~hospital shall notify the coroner of the parish in which it is located of any death~~  
18 ~~occurring in the hospital as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.~~

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides an extension for coroners to report to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and to the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission the death of any person as a result of a collision involving a motor vehicle and the circumstances surrounding it.

Present law requires a coroner to present a report within five days to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections and to the La. Hwy. Safety Commission regarding the death of any person as a result of an accident involving a motor vehicle and the circumstances surrounding it.

Proposed law modifies present law by increasing the time period for reporting from five days to 60 days. Also, modifies present law by replacing the word "accident" with "collision".

Present law requires every hospital to notify the coroner of the parish in which it is located of any death occurring in the hospital as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

Proposed law repeals the present law notification requirement.

(Amends R.S. 32:398(H))