
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the authorization of civilian traffic control officers or entities to investigate certain traffic accidents in municipalities with populations greater than 300,000.

Present law requires state police or the sheriff's office to investigate all accidents that occur within their parish or municipality.

Proposed law authorizes the superintendent of police in municipalities greater than 300,000 to authorize a civilian traffic control officer or entity to investigate traffic accidents.

Proposed law prohibits the civilian traffic control officer or entity from issuing traffic citations and from investigating any of the following accidents which shall be reported to the municipality's police department:

- (1) An accident that results in death or injury to any person.
- (2) An accident that involves a driver who refuses to or cannot provide a driver's license, proof of insurance, or vehicle registration.
- (3) An accident involving a driver who is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or other controlled substances.

(Adds R.S. 32:398(N))