

1 (a) Every department officer who investigates a vehicle accident as
2 to which a report is required by this division, or who otherwise prepares a
3 written report as a result of an investigation either at the time of and at the
4 scene of the accident or thereafter by interviewing the participants or
5 witnesses, shall forward a written report of the accident to the ~~bureau~~ DPS
6 Firearms & Records Section within ~~40~~ 3 days after the investigation of the
7 accident unless an extension is requested in writing and supported by good
8 cause”

9 **Section 3. Enactment.** Subject to codification by the CNMI Law Revision
10 Commission the following provision is hereby enacted into law:

11 **“§ 101. Police to Report-Generally.**

12 (a) Every department officer who investigates as required by law, or
13 who otherwise prepares a written report as a result of an investigation either
14 at the time of, or at the scene of the alleged crime or accident or thereafter
15 by interviewing the participants or witnesses, shall forward a written report
16 to the DPS Firearms & Records Section within 3 days after the investigation
17 concludes unless an extension is requested in writing and supported by good
18 cause.

19 (b) An officer who fails to provide a written report within 3 days or
20 within the time allotted by an extension that was requested in writing,
21 supported by good cause, and granted by the officer’s supervising officer,

1 shall be penalized by a suspension without pay for a period of not more than
2 3 days for the responsible officer and his/her supervising officer.”

3 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of
4 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court
5 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its
6 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid
7 shall not be affected thereby.

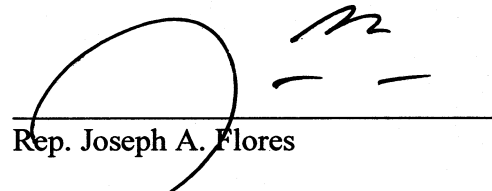
8 **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
9 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
10 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted
11 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
12 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have
13 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,
14 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

15 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
16 the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

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Date: _____

Introduced by: _____


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