

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 55—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 20, 2024

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to motor vehicle crashes.  
(BDR 43-250)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public safety; requiring a blood test of a deceased crash victim to include an analysis of the presence and concentration of certain prohibited substances; revising provisions governing the submittal of crash reports to the Department of Public Safety; revising provisions governing the central repository to track data electronically concerning vehicle crashes on a statewide basis that is created and maintained by the Department; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

- 1 Existing law requires a coroner, or other public official performing like duties,
- 2 in all cases in which a death has occurred as a result of a crash involving a motor
- 3 vehicle, to cause to be drawn from each decedent a blood sample to be analyzed for
- 4 the presence and concentration of alcohol. (NRS 484C.170) **Section 1** of this bill
- 5 requires the blood sample to also be analyzed for the presence and concentration of
- 6 certain prohibited substances.
- 7 Existing law requires every police officer who investigates a vehicle crash and
- 8 prepares a report as a result to forward the written or electronic report to the
- 9 Department of Public Safety within 10 days after the investigation of the crash.
- 10 Existing law requires the Department to record the data collected from such reports
- 11 in a central repository to track data electronically concerning vehicle crashes on a
- 12 statewide basis. (NRS 484E.110) **Section 2** of this bill requires a police officer to
- 13 submit the report through the electronic crash reporting system maintained by the
- 14 Department within 10 days after: (1) the date of the crash; or (2) the date of death
- 15 of a person involved in the crash if the death occurred as a result of the crash.



16 Existing law requires the Department of Public Safety to prepare forms for  
17 crash reports made by police officers to the Department and to supply such forms to  
18 law enforcement agencies and other appropriate persons upon request. (NRS  
19 484E.120) To reflect the changes made in **section 2** requiring that a crash report to  
20 the Department be submitted through the electronic crash reporting system, **section**  
21 **3** of this bill requires the Department to prescribe the form for crash reports and  
22 make the form available to law enforcement agencies and other appropriate  
23 persons.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 484C.170 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 484C.170 1. Any coroner, or other public official performing  
4 like duties, shall in all cases in which a death has occurred as a  
5 result of a crash involving a motor vehicle, whether the person  
6 killed is a driver, passenger or pedestrian, cause to be drawn from  
7 each decedent, within 8 hours of the crash, a blood sample to be  
8 analyzed for the presence and concentration of alcohol ~~and~~ *and*  
9 *prohibited substances*.

10 2. The findings of the examinations are a matter of public  
11 record and must be reported to the Department by the coroner or  
12 other public official within 30 days after the death.

13 3. ~~Blood alcohol~~ *Blood sample* analyses *for the presence*  
14 *and concentration of alcohol and prohibited substances* are  
15 acceptable only if made by laboratories licensed to perform this  
16 function.

17 **Sec. 2.** NRS 484E.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 484E.110 1. Every police officer who investigates a vehicle  
19 crash of which a report must be made as required in this chapter, or  
20 who otherwise prepares a written or electronic report as a result of  
21 an investigation either at the time of and at the scene of the crash or  
22 thereafter by interviewing the participants or witnesses, shall  
23 ~~forward a written or electronic~~ *submit the* report of the crash to the  
24 Department of Public Safety *through the electronic crash reporting*  
25 *system maintained by the Department of Public Safety* within 10  
26 days after ~~the investigation~~ :

27 (a) *The date* of the crash ~~and~~ ; or

28 (b) *The date of death of a person involved in the crash if the*  
29 *death occurred as a result of the crash.*

30 2. The data collected by the Department of Public Safety  
31 pursuant to ~~this~~ subsection *1* must be recorded in a central  
32 repository created *and maintained* by the Department of Public  
33 Safety , *in collaboration with the Department of Transportation,* to



1 track data electronically concerning vehicle crashes on a statewide  
2 basis.

3 ~~[2.]~~ 3. The ~~[written or electronic]~~ reports required to be  
4 ~~[forwarded]~~ *submitted* by police officers and the information  
5 contained therein are not privileged or confidential.

6 ~~[3.]~~ 4. Every sheriff, chief of police or office of the Nevada  
7 Highway Patrol receiving any report required under NRS 484E.030  
8 to 484E.090, inclusive, shall immediately ~~[prepare]~~ *file* a copy  
9 thereof ~~[and file the copy]~~ with the Department of Public Safety.

10 ~~[4.]~~ 5. If a police officer investigates a vehicle crash resulting  
11 in bodily injury to or the death of any person or total damage to any  
12 vehicle or item of property to an apparent extent of \$750 or more,  
13 the police officer shall prepare a ~~[written or electronic]~~ report of the  
14 investigation.

15 ~~[5.]~~ 6. As soon as practicable after receiving a report pursuant  
16 to this section, the Department of Public Safety shall ~~[submit]~~  
17 *transmit* a copy of the report to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

18 **Sec. 3.** NRS 484E.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 484E.120 1. The Department of Public Safety shall ~~[prepare~~  
20 ~~forms]~~ *prescribe the form* for crash reports required pursuant to  
21 NRS 484E.110, *which must be* suitable with respect to the persons  
22 required to make the reports and the purposes to be served. The  
23 ~~[forms]~~ *form* must be designed to call for sufficiently detailed  
24 information to disclose with reference to a crash the cause,  
25 conditions then existing, the persons and vehicles involved, the  
26 name and address of the insurance company, the number of the  
27 policy providing coverage and the dates on which the coverage  
28 begins and ends. The Department of Public Safety shall ~~[upon~~  
29 ~~request, supply]~~ *make available* to a police department, sheriff or  
30 other appropriate agency or person, the ~~[forms]~~ *form* for crash  
31 reports prepared by a police officer pursuant to NRS 484E.110.

32 2. In addition to submitting a copy of a report pursuant to NRS  
33 484E.110, the Department of Public Safety shall provide any  
34 information required by this section which is not included in  
35 the report to the Department of Motor Vehicles to enable the  
36 Department of Motor Vehicles to determine whether the  
37 requirements for the deposit of security under chapter 485 of NRS  
38 are inapplicable. The Department of Motor Vehicles may rely upon  
39 the accuracy of information supplied to a police officer by a driver  
40 or owner on the form unless it has reason to believe that the  
41 information is erroneous.

42 3. Every crash report required pursuant to NRS 484E.070 must  
43 be made on the appropriate form approved by the Department of  
44 Motor Vehicles pursuant to that section and must contain all the  
45 information required in the form.



1       4. Every crash report required pursuant to NRS 484E.110 must  
2 be made on the appropriate form approved by the Department of  
3 Public Safety and must contain all the information required therein  
4 unless it is not available.

5       **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.

