

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2551

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE REIBOLDT.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 577.060 as enacted by senate bill no. 491, ninety-seventh general assembly, second regular session and section 577.060 as enacted by house bill no. 3, eighty-fifth general assembly, first extraordinary session, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the offense of leaving the scene of an accident, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 577.060 as enacted by senate bill no. 491, ninety-seventh general assembly, second regular session and section 577.060 as enacted by house bill no. 3, eighty-fifth general assembly, first extraordinary session, are repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 577.060, to read as follows:

577.060. 1. A person commits the offense of leaving the scene of an accident when:

(1) Being the operator of a vehicle or a vessel involved in an accident resulting in injury or death or damage to property of another person; and

(2) Having knowledge of such accident he or she leaves the place of the injury, damage or accident without stopping and giving the following information to the other party or to a law enforcement officer, or if no law enforcement officer is in the vicinity, then to the nearest law enforcement agency:

(a) His or her name;

(b) His or her residence, including city and street number;

(c) The registration or license number for his or her vehicle or vessel; and

(d) His or her operator's license number, if any.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

12           2. For the purposes of this section, all law enforcement officers shall have jurisdiction,  
13 when invited by an injured person, to enter the premises of any privately owned property for the  
14 purpose of investigating an accident and performing all necessary duties regarding such accident.

15           3. The offense of leaving the scene of an accident is:

16           (1) A class A misdemeanor; [or]

17           (2) A class E felony if:

18           (a) Physical injury was caused to another party; or

19           (b) Damage in excess of one thousand dollars was caused to the property of another  
20 person; or

21           (c) The defendant has previously been found guilty of any offense committed in another  
22 jurisdiction which, if committed in this state, would be a violation of an offense in this section;

23 **or**

24           **(3) A class D felony if a death has occurred as a result of the accident.**

25           4. A law enforcement officer who investigates or receives information of an accident  
26 involving an all-terrain vehicle and also involving the loss of life or serious physical injury shall  
27 make a written report of the investigation or information received and such additional facts  
28 relating to the accident as may come to his or her knowledge, mail the information to the  
29 department of public safety, and keep a record thereof in his or her office.

30           5. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the operation of all-terrain vehicles  
31 when property damage is sustained in sanctioned all-terrain vehicle races, derbies and rallies.

577.060. 1. A person commits the crime of leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident  
2 when being the operator or driver of a vehicle on the highway or on any publicly or privately  
3 owned parking lot or parking facility generally open for use by the public and knowing that an  
4 injury has been caused to a person or damage has been caused to property, due to his culpability  
5 or to accident, he leaves the place of the injury, damage or accident without stopping and giving  
6 his name, residence, including city and street number, motor vehicle number and driver's license  
7 number, if any, to the injured party or to a police officer, or if no police officer is in the vicinity,  
8 then to the nearest police station or judicial officer.

9           2. For the purposes of this section, all peace officers shall have jurisdiction, when invited  
10 by an injured person, to enter the premises of any privately owned parking lot or parking facility  
11 for the purpose of investigating an accident and performing all necessary duties regarding such  
12 accident.

13           3. Leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident is a class A misdemeanor, except that  
14 it shall be:

15           **(1) A class D felony if the accident resulted in:**

16           **[(1)] (a) Physical injury to another party; [or]**

17            [(2)] (b) Property damage in excess of one thousand dollars; or  
18            [(3)] (c) If the defendant has previously pled guilty to or been found guilty of a violation  
19 of this section; or  
20            **(2) A class C felony if a death has occurred as a result of the accident.**

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