

1 **Senate Bill No. 248**

2 (By Senator Williams)

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4 [Introduced January 16, 2015; referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and then to
5 the Committee on the Judiciary.]

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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-4-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
11 to the duty to give information after a car crash; requiring person involved in a car crash to
12 provide certain insurance and car owner information; and requiring law-enforcement officers
13 at the scene of the crash who obtain certain information to distribute certain information to
14 all persons involved in the crash.

15 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

16 That §17C-4-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted
17 to read as follows:

18 **ARTICLE 4. ACCIDENTS.**

19 **§17C-4-3. Duty to give information and render aid.**

20 (a) The driver of any vehicle involved in a crash resulting in injury to or death of any person
21 or damage to any vehicle which is driven or attended by any person shall give his or her name,
22 address and the registration number of the vehicle he or she is driving, proof of insurance and policy
23 number for the vehicle and the name and address of the owner of the vehicle, if different, and shall
24 upon request and if available exhibit his or her driver's license to the person struck or the driver or
25 occupant of or person attending any vehicle collided with and shall render to any person injured in

1 such crash reasonable assistance, including the carrying, or the making arrangements for the carrying
2 of such person to a physician, surgeon or hospital for medical or surgical treatment if it is apparent
3 that such treatment is necessary or if such carrying is requested by the injured person.

4 (b) If a law-enforcement officer arrives at the scene of the crash and gathers information of
5 the persons involved in the crash, the law-enforcement officer shall provide to each person involved
6 in the crash a copy of the names and addresses of the persons involved, proof of insurance, policy
7 numbers and registration numbers of the vehicles involved and the names and addresses of the
8 owners of any vehicle involved if different than the driver at the time of the crash.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require a person involved in a car crash to provide certain insurance and car owner information. The bill requires law-enforcement officers at the scene of the crash who obtain certain information to distribute certain information to all persons involved in the crash.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.