

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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SENATE, No. 997

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Transportation and Public Works Committee reports favorably and with amendments Senate Bill No. 997(1R).

As reported, this amended bill requires police departments to mail or fax accident reports to individuals upon request. The bill provides that the police department may require the person requesting the report to provide a completed request form and the appropriate fee prior to faxing or mailing the report. This bill further provides that the police department shall provide the person requesting the report with the option of completing the form and providing the appropriate fee in person, through the mail, or via fax. If enacted, the bill would give individuals the option to have reports mailed, faxed or picked up in person. Currently, some police departments refuse to send accident reports via fax or mail, causing a hardship for individuals seeking accident records who live outside the locality.

The bill also updates references to the Motor Vehicle Commission and the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission.

As reported, Senate Bill No. 997(1R) as amended is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2729 which was amended and released by the committee today.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to provide that the police department shall provide the person requesting the report with the option of submitting the form and providing the appropriate fee in person, through the mail, or via fax.