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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to crash reports; amending s. 316.066, F.S.; providing that a law enforcement officer may testify in a civil proceeding concerning statements made by a person involved in a crash under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 316.066, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.066 Written reports of crashes.-

(4) Except as specified in this subsection, each crash report made by a person involved in a crash and any statement made by such person to a law enforcement officer for the purpose of completing a crash report required by this section shall be without prejudice to the individual so reporting. Such report or statement may not be used as evidence in any trial, civil or criminal. However, subject to the applicable rules of evidence, a law enforcement officer at a criminal trial may testify as to any statement made to the officer by the person involved in the crash if that person's privilege against self-incrimination is not violated, and a law enforcement officer at a civil trial may testify as to any statement made to the officer by the person involved in the crash if such testimony impeaches the testimony of the person involved in the crash as to fault for the crash

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and if that person's privilege against self-incrimination is not violated. The results of breath, urine, and blood tests administered as provided in s. 316.1932 or s. 316.1933 are not confidential and are admissible into evidence in accordance with the provisions of s. 316.1934(2).

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Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.