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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1115**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Sharon Runner**

February 23, 2007

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An act to amend Section 557.5 of the Insurance Code, *and to amend Section 16051 of the Vehicle Code*, relating to peace officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1115, as amended, Sharon Runner. Peace officers: accidents.

Existing law provides that no peace officer, member of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, or firefighter shall be required to report any accident in which he or she is involved while operating an authorized emergency vehicle, as defined, in the performance of his or her duty during the hours of his or her employment, to any person who has issued that peace officer, member of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, or firefighter a private automobile insurance policy.

This bill would provide that no peace officer, member of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, or firefighter shall be required to report any accident in which he or she is involved while operating any ~~leased~~ *employer-leased* or ~~rented~~ *employer-rented* vehicle, in the performance of his or her duty during the hours of his or her employment, to any person who has issued that peace officer, member of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, or firefighter a private automobile insurance policy. *This bill would make a conforming*

*change relating to proof of financial responsibility, in the event of an accident involving a vehicle operated on behalf of a public agency .*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 557.5 of the Insurance Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 557.5. No peace officer, member of the Department of the  
4 California Highway Patrol, or firefighter shall be required to report  
5 any accident in which he or she is involved while operating an  
6 authorized emergency vehicle, as defined in subdivision (a), (b),  
7 or (f) of Section 165 of the Vehicle Code ~~or in paragraph (1) or~~  
8 ~~(2) of subdivision (b) of Section 165 of the Vehicle Code~~, or any  
9 leased *employer-leased* or rented *employer-rented* vehicle in the  
10 performance of his or her duty during the hours of his or her  
11 employment, to any person who has issued that peace officer,  
12 member of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, or  
13 firefighter a private automobile insurance policy.

14 As used in this section:

15 (a) "Peace officer" means every person defined in Chapter 4.5  
16 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal  
17 Code.

18 (b) "Policy" shall have the same meaning as defined in  
19 subdivision (a) of Section 660.

20 *SEC. 2. Section 16051 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:*

21 16051. Evidence may be established by filing a report  
22 indicating that the motor vehicle involved in the accident was  
23 owned, *rented*, or leased by or under the direction of the United  
24 States, this state, or any political subdivision of this state or  
25 municipality thereof.