

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to clarify that emergency personnel driving records are not to include motor vehicle accidents resulting while engaged in the performance of their official duties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 58-24-75 be amended to read as follows:

58-24-75. No insurer may increase the premium or rate of an insured at policy issuance, during the term of a policy, or at renewal because of an accident if the insured was lawfully engaged in the performance of official duties as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, or operator of emergency snow removal equipment, if the operation of the emergency snow removal equipment is in response to a request from and in support of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician for any accident:

- (1) That occurred while the law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, or operator of emergency snow removal equipment was lawfully engaged in the performance of official duties; and
- (2) That occurred while the law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, or operator of emergency snow removal equipment was driving an emergency vehicle; and
- (3) For which the law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, or operator of emergency snow removal equipment furnishes notice to the insurer that the accident occurred under circumstances identified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section.

This section is not applicable to commercial lines policies. Any premium or rate increase in violation of this section, which is made erroneously and does not constitute a continuing business practice of the insurer, may not be the basis of any disciplinary action by the division against the insurer if the

insurer refunds any excess premium promptly upon discovery of the error or upon request by the insured.

Section 2. That § 32-35-101 be amended to read as follows:

32-35-101. The Department of Public Safety shall furnish to any person upon request a certified abstract of the operating record for the last three years of any person subject to the provisions of this chapter. The abstract shall include enumeration of any motor vehicle accidents in which the person has been involved and reference to any convictions of the person for a violation of the motor vehicle laws as reported to the department. No accident may be entered on the driving record of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician if the accident occurred while the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician was lawfully engaged in the performance of official duties and was driving an emergency vehicle. The accident shall be recorded separately. No accident may be entered on the driving record of an operator of emergency snow removal equipment if the accident resulted from the operator's response to an emergency call of duty as an operator of emergency snow removal equipment and the operator was lawfully engaged in the performance of official duties in support of an emergency call of duty by a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician and was driving official snow removal equipment. The accident shall be recorded separately. The department shall collect five dollars for each abstract. The fee shall be credited to the state motor vehicle fund. Any governmental entity or subdivision is exempt from this fee.

Section 3. That § 32-12-61 be amended to read as follows:

32-12-61. The Department of Public Safety shall file all abstracts of court records of convictions received by it under the laws of this state and all accident reports received. The Department of Public Safety shall maintain records or make suitable notations on the individual record of each licensee and any person domiciled in this state who is required to have a driver license showing the

convictions, disqualifications, and other licensing actions for violations of any state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control committed while the licensee or person was operating any type of vehicle and the traffic accidents in which the licensee or person has been involved. The information shall be readily ascertainable and available for the consideration of the department upon any application for renewal of a license. However, with the exception of convictions resulting from operation of a commercial motor vehicle, no conviction for speeding which is ten miles per hour or less over the posted speed limit and no speeding conviction received from another state may be entered on the licensee's driving record, but may be recorded separately. The separate record may not be made available to the public. No accident may be entered on the driving record of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician if the accident occurred while the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician was lawfully engaged in the performance of official duties as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician and the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician was driving an emergency vehicle. The accident shall be recorded separately. No accident may be entered on the driving record of an operator of emergency snow removal equipment if the accident occurred while the operator's response to an emergency call of duty as an operator of emergency snow removal equipment and the operator was lawfully engaged in the performance of official duties in support of an emergency call of duty by a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician and was driving official snow removal equipment. The accident shall be recorded separately.

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