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§ 6101. Accidents.

(a) The operator of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to any person or in damage to any real or personal property shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident.

(b) The operator, or owner, if present, of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to any person or damage to any real or personal property, shall immediately after the accident, give his or her full name, address, the registration number of the vehicle and exhibit his or her operator's license and registration card to the persons struck or the operator or occupant of any other vehicle involved in the accident, or the owner or custodian of any real or personal property damaged in the accident, unless the person struck or the operator of the other vehicle involved or the owner or custodian of the real or personal property involved signifies that no injuries or damages have been sustained.

(c) The operator, or owner, if present, of any vehicle involved in an accident shall render to any person injured in the accident, reasonable assistance, including the transportation if requested, of the person to a hospital or a physician or surgeon for medical or surgical treatment where it is apparent that the treatment is necessary or where the treatment is requested.

(d) Whenever the operator of a vehicle is physically unable to give the information or assistance required in this section, and there are other occupants of that vehicle at the time of the accident who are physically able to give the information and assistance required in this section, those other occupants shall fully reveal their identity and that of the operator of the vehicle, and of the owner of the vehicle of which they are occupants, to the person struck or to the operator or occupants of any vehicle involved, or to the owner or custodian of any real or personal property involved, shall render to any person injured in the accident reasonable assistance, including transportation if requested, of those persons to a hospital or physician or surgeon for medical or surgical treatment where it is apparent that the treatment is necessary or is requested by the injured person.

(e) The operator of any vehicle involved in an accident with any vehicle or real or personal property which is unattended, shall immediately stop and then and there either locate and notify the operator or owner of the unattended vehicle or the owner or custodian of the unattended property giving the name and address of the operator and the owner of the vehicle involved in the accident with the unattended vehicle or property. If the operator, owner or custodian cannot be found, then the operator shall leave in a conspicuous place in or upon the damaged unattended vehicle or property, a written notice giving the name and address of the operator and owner involved in the accident and a brief statement of the circumstances and in addition shall within 24 hours, forward to the bureau

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a similar notice, regardless of the amount of damage done to the unattended vehicle or property.

(f) Any person violating the provisions of this section by failing to stop after being involved in an accident resulting in injury to any person, other than himself, or death of any person shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by imprisonment of not less than 90 days nor more than five years or by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$2,000, or by both.

(g) Any person violating a provision of this section by failing to stop after being involved in an accident resulting in damage to property shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by imprisonment for not more than six months or by a fine of not more \$500, or by both.

Source: PL 3-61, § 1 (§ 601).

Commission Comment: As enacted, subsection (e) of this section did not specify a time limit within which an operator must notify the bureau of an accident causing damage to unattended property. The Commission inserted a 24-hour limit; see 9 CMC § 6102.