STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 6, 2026

Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to vehicle accident report information

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 604 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 196 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

§ 604. Reports; contents; preparation; distribution; filing. **a.** Reports of accidents required under sections six hundred three and six hundred three-a of this article, or under the rules and regulations of the commissioner, shall be upon forms prepared by the commissioner and contain such information as the commissioner shall prescribe; provided, however, that the commissioner shall provide space on such forms to indicate the type or types of vehicles involved, including passenger motor vehicles, commercial motor vehicles, motorcycles, limited use motorcycles, off-highway motorcycles, electric scooters, bicycles with electric assist, and/or bicycles. Blank forms for such reports shall be printed by the commissioner and a supply sent to all city, town and village clerks and to the chief officer of every city police department for general distribution and use as herein provided. Reports of accidents, required under the preceding section, shall be sent to and filed with the commissioner at the main office of the bureau of motor vehicles in the city of Albany, except as otherwise provided by the rules and regulations of the commissioner.

b. Vehicle accident report information contained in forms as prescribed by this section which are not private information may be released to responsible vendors pursuant to contracts with the department. Any such contract entered into by the department shall contain language prohibiting vendors from assigning the contract and from any use or resale of the information received which use or resale is contrary to the public policy of this state or is contrary to the public morals or welfare. For the purposes of this section, "private information" shall have the same meaning as section eight hundred ninety-nine-aa of the general business law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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