

# SENATE BILL 479

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By: **Senator McCray**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore Police Department – Reporting on Vehicle Accidents**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore Police Department to require responding law  
4 enforcement officers to complete certain accident reports for vehicle accidents;  
5 requiring an accident report to contain certain information; requiring the Baltimore  
6 Police Department to provide a copy of each accident report to certain entities; and  
7 generally relating to reporting on vehicle accidents in Baltimore City.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Public Safety

10 Section 3–521

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 **3–521.**

17 **(A) (1) THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE EACH**  
18 **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO RESPONDS TO A VEHICLE ACCIDENT TO**  
19 **COMPLETE AN ACCIDENT REPORT.**

20 **(2) THE ACCIDENT REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF**  
21 **THIS SUBSECTION SHALL CONTAIN SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED INFORMATION TO**  
22 **DISCLOSE:**

23 **(I) THE CAUSE OF THE REPORTED ACCIDENT;**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(II) THE CONDITIONS EXISTING AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT;**

2                   **(III) IDENTIFICATION OF THE PERSONS AND VEHICLES**  
3 **INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT; AND**

4                   **(IV) ANY DAMAGE TO PUBLIC PROPERTY OR INFRASTRUCTURE**  
5 **AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT, INCLUDING:**

6                               **1. STREET LIGHTS;**

7                               **2. SIGNS;**

8                               **3. LANDSCAPING;**

9                               **4. MEDIANS;**

10                              **5. STREET TREES;**

11                              **6. CURBS;**

12                              **7. FENCES;**

13                              **8. WALLS;**

14                              **9. BENCHES;**

15                              **10. TRASH CANS; OR**

16                              **11. FIRE HYDRANTS.**

17                   **(B) THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF**  
18 **EACH ACCIDENT REPORT TO:**

19                              **(1) THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND**

20                              **(2) THE BALTIMORE CITY LAW DEPARTMENT.**

21                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2019.