

## MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE Public Act 300 of 1949

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**MCL 257.622, Amended 2003** - The driver of a motor vehicle involved in an accident that injures or kills any person, or that damages property to an apparent extent totaling \$1,000.00 or more, shall immediately report that accident at the nearest or most convenient police station, or to the nearest or most convenient police officer. The officer receiving the report, or his or her commanding officer, shall immediately forward each report to the director of the Department of State Police on forms prescribed by the director of the Department of State Police (*State of Michigan Traffic Crash Report, also known as the UD-10*). The forms shall be completed in full by the investigating officer. The director of the Department of State Police shall analyze each report relative to the cause of the reported accident and shall prepare information compiled from reports filed under this section for public use. A copy of the report under this section . . . shall be retained for at least three years at the local police department, sheriff's department, or local state police post making the report. (*As the repository of the UD-10s submitted by all Michigan law enforcement agencies, the Department of State Police processes all UD-10s received at the Criminal Justice Information Center (CJIC). CJIC retains an electronic copy of UD-10s for 10 years plus the current processing year. Electronic databases containing information from UD-10s prior to this time period are purged.*)

**MCL 257.624, Amended 1980** - (1) A report required by this chapter shall not be available for use in a court action, but a report shall be for the purpose of furnishing statistical information regarding the number and cause of accidents.

(2) The Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) may authorize scientific studies and research for the reduction of death, injury, and property losses. All information, records of interviews, written reports, statements, notes, memoranda, or other data collected pursuant to the scientific studies and research conducted by the state, or by other persons, agencies, or organizations authorized by OHSP shall be used solely for the purpose of medical or scientific research and shall not disclose the name or identity of a person unless the person authorizes, in writing, the use of his or her name or identity. If a subject of the research study is deceased, the executor or heir of the deceased person may authorize, in writing, the disclosure of the deceased's name or identity. The furnishing of information to OHSP or to a representative of an authorized study or research project shall not subject a person, hospital, sanitarium, rest home, nursing home, or other person or agency furnishing the information to any action for damages or other relief. The information, records, reports, statements, notes, memoranda, or other data shall not be admissible as evidence in a court or before any other tribunal, board, agency, or person. A person participating in an authorized study or research project shall not disclose, directly or indirectly, the information so obtained except in strict conformity with the research project.