

**OPINION  
57-219**

October 8, 1957 (OPINION)

TRAFFIC

RE: Accident Reports - Confidential

Your request for the opinion of this office as to whether law enforcement officers' accident reports are confidential is herewith acknowledged.

It is the opinion of this office that the written accident report made by law enforcement officers as required by section 7 of chapter 253, S.L. 1955 as amended by chapter 262, S.L. 1957 are declared to be confidential by the provision of subsection 2 of section 12, chapter 253, S.L. 1955 as amended by chapter 262, S.L. 1957.

Section 10 of chapter 253, S.L. 1955 indicates that accident reports filed by law enforcement officers are to be used by the highway commissioner in administering the financial responsibility laws and therefore the provisions of subsection 2 of section 12 applies.

It is the further opinion of this office that section 14-0205 of the N.D.R.C. of 1943 makes law enforcement officers' accident reports confidential.

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