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Allows the department of public safety to provide a modified copy of its accident records database (deleting names, driver's license numbers, license plate numbers, addresses, and other identifying data) to the public on request. Requires the department to include the license plate number (unless the data base includes the vehicle's VIN) if a private agency certifies and agrees that:

- (1)it is in the business of collecting accident and damage information on vehicles;
- (2)will use the plate number only to identify vehicles damaged or involved in accidents and not to identify individuals; and
- (3)it will be subject to the same civil penalties for unauthorized release of private data as state agencies.

Allows the department to furnish this database to private agencies for not less than the cost of preparing copies on a bulk basis.