HB 2228 - DIGEST

Provides that, if a law enforcement officer is proximately involved in a vehicular accident while on duty, the law enforcement agency employing the officer shall conduct an investigation if: (1) The accident causes a serious injury or fatality; or

(2) Damage to property exceeds two thousand five hundred dollars.

Requires the investigation to be supervised by an independent law enforcement agency.

Declares that a law enforcement officer is considered on duty when the officer is using a law enforcement agency-owned vehicle.

Provides that a law enforcement officer must be removed, for at least twelve months, from duties that involve the operation of a vehicle if an officer is investigated under this act and is determined to be at fault for four vehicular accidents in any three-year period.

Provides that, whenever there is an accident involving a fatality, or serious injury that may result in a fatality, then every driver of a vehicle, bicyclist, or pedestrian involved in the accident shall submit to a drug and alcohol test.

Declares that traffic laws, accident investigations, and reporting procedures shall be applied equally to all motorists without discrimination or preferential treatment regardless of the motorist's employment, status, or political affiliation, including motorists that may be elected officials, government employees, or off-duty law enforcement officers.