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Judiciary No. 1.

**House File 208**  
By UHLENHOPP.

Passed House, Date .....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Passed Senate, Date.....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Approved .....

## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the repeal of section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred seventy-one (321.271) of the Iowa Code; to enact a substitute therefor; and to make available to the public and to render competent as evidence reports of motor vehicle accidents and information obtained by peace officers.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point two  
2 hundred seventy-one (321.271) of the Iowa Code is hereby repealed  
3 and the following substituted in lieu thereof: "All accident  
4 reports shall be in writing and shall be available to the public.  
5 All information and oral and written statements regarding motor  
6 vehicle accidents obtained or learned by peace officers in the  
7 course of their investigations or otherwise shall likewise be  
8 available to the public. All such reports, statements, and  
9 information shall be competent evidence in any action, except that  
10 no statement which is made to a peace officer for the purpose of  
11 enabling him to make a report of a motor vehicle accident and no  
12 portion of a written report of a motor vehicle accident shall be  
13 admissible in a criminal prosecution against the person who made  
14 the same where it tends to incriminate him."

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 208

The purpose of this bill is to permit the public use of accident reports and information regarding accidents obtained by peace officers; but to protect against self-incrimination.