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# Bill 148

**An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act with respect to  
reporting of incidents of unsafely opening a motor vehicle door on a highway**

**Ms J. Bell**

**Private Member's Bill**

1st Reading      November 21, 2019

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



**An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act with respect to  
reporting of incidents of unsafely opening a motor vehicle door on a highway**

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

**1 Section 202 of the *Highway Traffic Act* is amended by adding the following subsections:**

**Reporting re dooring, etc.**

(1.1) Every police officer and every prescribed person having knowledge of a possible contravention of clause 165 (1) (a) that resulted in injury to a person or damage to property shall secure the particulars of the incident, the persons involved, and other information as may be necessary to complete a written report to the Registrar on the forms prescribed for that purpose, and shall transmit the report forthwith to the Registrar.

**Regulations**

(4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing anything that this section refers to as being prescribed.

**2 (1) Clause 205 (1) (c) of the Act is amended by adding the following subclause:**

(i.1) a record of all possible contraventions of clause 165 (1) (a) in Ontario, reported to him or her or concerning which he or she procures information,

**(2) Clause 205 (1) (e) of the Act is amended by adding “including accidents caused by opening a door of a motor vehicle on a highway without taking due precautions” after “motor vehicle accidents”.**

**Commencement**

**3 This Act comes into force on the day this Act receives Royal Assent.**

**Short title**

**4 The short title of this Act is the *Doored But Not Ignored Act, 2019*.**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill amends the *Highway Traffic Act* to require police officers and other prescribed persons to gather information about incidents in which someone is injured or property is damaged following a potential contravention of clause 165 (1) (a) of the Act, which requires individuals to take due precautions when opening the door of a motor vehicle on a highway, and to report that information to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. The Act is also amended to require the Registrar to keep records of and report on these incidents.