

By Senator Rich

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to traffic regulations;
3 amending s. 316.1303, F.S.; requiring vehicle
4 operators to stop and yield to
5 mobility-impaired pedestrians who are assisted
6 by guide dogs or other service animals;
7 providing a penalty; providing an effective
8 date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Section 316.1303, Florida Statutes, is
13 amended to read:

14 316.1303 Traffic regulations to assist
15 mobility-impaired persons.--Whenever a pedestrian is in the
16 process of crossing a public street or highway and the
17 pedestrian is mobility-impaired (using a guide dog or service
18 animal, a walker, a crutch, an orthopedic cane, or a
19 wheelchair), the driver of every vehicle approaching the
20 intersection, as defined in s. 316.003(17), shall bring his or
21 her vehicle to a full stop before arriving at such
22 intersection and, before proceeding, shall take such
23 precautions as may be necessary to avoid injuring such
24 pedestrian. A person who is convicted of a violation of this
25 section shall be punished as provided in s. 318.18(3).

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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29 SENATE SUMMARY

30 Requires a vehicle operator to stop and yield to a
31 mobility-impaired pedestrian who is assisted by a guide
 dog or service animal.