

HB 925

2005

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

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

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10           Section 1.   Section 316.1303, Florida Statutes, is amended  
11           to read:

12           316.1303   Traffic regulations to assist mobility-impaired  
13           persons.--Whenever a pedestrian is in the process of crossing a  
14           public street or highway and the pedestrian is mobility-impaired  
15           (using a guide dog or service animal, a walker, a crutch, an  
16           orthopedic cane, or a wheelchair), the driver of every vehicle  
17           approaching the intersection, as defined in s. 316.003(17),  
18           shall bring his or her vehicle to a full stop before arriving at  
19           such intersection and, before proceeding, shall take such  
20           precautions as may be necessary to avoid injuring such  
21           pedestrian. A person who is convicted of a violation of this  
22           section shall be punished as provided in s. 318.18(3).

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