

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 designated as such with a  
16 visible means of identification, a walker, a crutch, an  
17 orthopedic cane, or a wheelchair), the driver of every vehicle  
18 approaching the intersection, as defined in s. 316.003(17),  
19 shall bring his or her vehicle to a full stop before arriving at  
20 such intersection and, before proceeding, shall take such  
21 precautions as may be necessary to avoid injuring such  
22 pedestrian. A person who is convicted of a violation of this  
23 section shall be punished as provided in s. 318.18(3).

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