

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to financial responsibility; amending s.
 3 324.023, F.S.; requiring a person who has been found
 4 guilty of or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere
 5 to a felony traffic offense or had a mandatory revocation
 6 of his or her driving privilege to maintain a certain
 7 amount of security or insurance for liability coverage of
 8 accidents involving the use of a motor vehicle; requiring
 9 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to
 10 provide notice to the Office of Insurance Regulation of
 11 such persons; providing an effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Section 324.023, Florida Statutes, is amended
 16 to read:

17 324.023 Financial responsibility for bodily injury or
 18 death.--In addition to any other financial responsibility
 19 required by law, every owner or operator of a motor vehicle that
 20 is required to be registered in this state, or that is located
 21 within this state, and who, regardless of adjudication of guilt,
 22 has been found guilty of or entered a plea of guilty or nolo
 23 contendere to a charge of driving under the influence under s.
 24 316.193 after October 1, 2007, or, after October 1, 2009, has
 25 been found guilty of or entered a plea of guilty or nolo
 26 contendere to a felony traffic offense or had a mandatory
 27 revocation of his or her driving privilege under s. 322.26
 28 shall, by one of the methods established in s. 324.031(1), (2),

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29 or (3), establish and maintain the ability to respond in damages
30 for liability on account of accidents arising out of the use of
31 a motor vehicle in the amount of \$100,000 because of bodily
32 injury to, or death of, one person in any one crash and, subject
33 to such limits for one person, in the amount of \$300,000 because
34 of bodily injury to, or death of, two or more persons in any one
35 crash and in the amount of \$50,000 because of property damage in
36 any one crash. If the owner or operator chooses to establish and
37 maintain such ability by posting a bond or furnishing a
38 certificate of deposit pursuant to s. 324.031(2) or (3), such
39 bond or certificate of deposit must be in an amount not less
40 than \$350,000. Such higher limits must be carried for a minimum
41 period of 3 years. If the owner or operator has not been
42 convicted of driving under the influence or a felony traffic
43 offense for a period of 3 years from the date of reinstatement
44 of driving privileges ~~for a violation of s. 316.193~~, the owner
45 or operator shall be exempt from this section. The department
46 shall provide notice to the Office of Insurance Regulation of
47 all persons who are found guilty of or enter a plea of guilty or
48 nolo contendere to a charge of driving under the influence under
49 s. 316.193 or who have a mandatory revocation of their driving
50 privilege under s. 322.26.

51 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2009.