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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; providing
9 an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 324.023, Florida Statutes, is amended
14 to read:

15 324.023 Financial responsibility for bodily injury or
16 death.--In addition to any other financial responsibility
17 required by law, every owner or operator of a motor vehicle that
18 is required to be registered in this state, or that is located
19 within this state, and who, regardless of adjudication of guilt,
20 has been found guilty of or entered a plea of guilty or nolo
21 contendere to a charge of driving under the influence under s.
22 316.193 after October 1, 2007, or, after October 1, 2009, has
23 been found guilty of or entered a plea of guilty or nolo
24 contendere to a felony traffic offense or had a mandatory
25 revocation of his or her driving privilege under s. 322.26
26 shall, by one of the methods established in s. 324.031(1), (2),
27 or (3), establish and maintain the ability to respond in damages
28 for liability on account of accidents arising out of the use of

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29 a motor vehicle in the amount of \$100,000 because of bodily
30 injury to, or death of, one person in any one crash and, subject
31 to such limits for one person, in the amount of \$300,000 because
32 of bodily injury to, or death of, two or more persons in any one
33 crash and in the amount of \$50,000 because of property damage in
34 any one crash. If the owner or operator chooses to establish and
35 maintain such ability by posting a bond or furnishing a
36 certificate of deposit pursuant to s. 324.031(2) or (3), such
37 bond or certificate of deposit must be in an amount not less
38 than \$350,000. Such higher limits must be carried for a minimum
39 period of 3 years. If the owner or operator has not been
40 convicted of driving under the influence or a felony traffic
41 offense for a period of 3 years after ~~from~~ the date of
42 reinstatement of driving privileges ~~for a violation of s.~~
43 ~~316.193~~, the owner or operator shall be exempt from this
44 section.

45 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2010.