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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to vehicle crashes involving death; amending s. 316.027, F.S.; requiring that a defendant arrested for leaving the scene of a crash involving death must be held in custody until brought before a judge for admittance to bail; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 316.027, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.027 Crash involving death or personal injuries.--

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(b) The driver of any vehicle involved in a crash occurring on public or private property that results in the death of any person must immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the crash, or as close thereto as possible, and must remain at the scene of the crash until he or she has fulfilled the requirements of s. 316.062. A defendant arrested for a violation of this paragraph shall be held in custody until brought before the court for admittance to bail in accordance with chapter 903. Any person who willfully violates this paragraph commits a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. Any person who willfully commits such a violation violates this paragraph while driving under the influence as set forth in s. 316.193(1) shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 2 years.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

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