By Senator Bean

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to noncriminal traffic infractions; creating s. 316.0275, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for certain noncriminal traffic infractions that cause serious bodily injury or death to a person; 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. Section 316.0275, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.0275 Noncriminal traffic infractions leading to serious bodily injury or death; reclassification.—

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if an individual commits a noncriminal traffic infraction under this chapter which causes serious bodily injury or death to a person and within 5 years after that violation, commits another noncriminal traffic infraction under this chapter which causes serious bodily injury or death to a person, the second such violation shall be reclassified as a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (2) As used in this section, the term "serious bodily injury" means an injury to a person, excluding the at-fault driver, which consists of a physical condition that creates a substantial risk of death, serious personal disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.