

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/SB 908
INTRODUCER: Transportation Committee and Senator Altman
SUBJECT: Traffic Safety
DATE: April 28, 2015

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 570315 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 revises the definition of “bodily injury” to mean an injury consisting of a broken bone, a torn ligament, a concussion, a laceration requiring stitches, or any other physical injury that results in impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty -- no longer the same definition as in three other sections of law. Defines “serious bodily injury” for s. 316.0275 to mean an injury to a person, excluding injury to 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. Authorizes a court to suspend, for 3 to 5 years, the driver license of a person convicted within five years of a second noncriminal traffic infraction under ch. 316 that causes serious bodily injury or death to a person. Retains language requiring measurement of the three-foot distance between a motor vehicle and a bicycle or other vulnerable user from anything extending from the motor vehicle. Retains requirement for law enforcement to note on the citation if a violation of contributed to the bodily injury of a vulnerable user. Senate provisions re crossing centerline in no-passing zones are revised, but the same result is accomplished. Retains \$2K authorized penalty if a violation is for overtaking and passing or careless driving. Retains mandatory appearance at hearing for violations of overtaking and passing or careless driving that contribute to bodily injury of a vulnerable user.