

By Senator Hays

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to warrantless arrests; amending s.
3 901.15, F.S.; permitting a law enforcement officer to
4 rely on information received from a first responder at
5 the scene of a traffic crash to arrest a person for
6 specified violations without a warrant; providing an
7 effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 901.15, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 901.15 When arrest by officer without warrant is lawful.—A
14 law enforcement officer may arrest a person without a warrant
15 when:

16 (5) A violation of chapter 316 has been committed in the
17 presence of the officer. Such an arrest may be made immediately
18 or in fresh pursuit. Any law enforcement officer, upon receiving
19 information relayed to him or her from a fellow officer
20 stationed on the ground or in the air or from a first responder
21 at the scene of a traffic crash that a driver of a vehicle has
22 violated chapter 316, may arrest the driver for violation of
23 those laws when reasonable and proper identification of the
24 vehicle and the violation has been communicated to the arresting
25 officer.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.