

HB 507

2016

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.

CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.