

By Senator Torres

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to hit-and-run alerts; creating s.  
3           316.02703, F.S.; authorizing the use of dynamic  
4           message signs that are located along the state's  
5           highways to post alerts containing information about  
6           certain hit-and-run incidents to assist law  
7           enforcement in apprehending a suspect in the incident;  
8           specifying certain information that may be included in  
9           the posting of such alerts; defining the terms "hit  
10          and run" and "serious bodily injury"; providing an  
11          effective date.

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

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15           Section 1. Section 316.02703, Florida Statutes, is created  
16 to read:

17           316.02703 Hit-and-run incidents; alerts.-

18           (1) Dynamic message signs that are located along the  
19 state's highways may be used to post alerts containing  
20 information about a hit-and-run incident that results in serious  
21 bodily injury to a pedestrian, in order to assist law  
22 enforcement in apprehending a suspect involved in the incident.

23           (2) Information to be posted in such alerts may include,  
24 but is not limited to:

25           (a) A complete or partial license plate number of a  
26 suspect's vehicle.

27           (b) The make, style, and color of the suspect's vehicle.

28           (c) The identity of the suspect.

29           (3) As used in this section, the term:

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30       (a) "Hit and run" means an incident in which the driver of  
31 a motor vehicle involved in an accident fails to stop at the  
32 scene of the accident.

33       (b) "Serious bodily injury" means injury to a person which  
34 involves, either at the time of the actual injury or at a later  
35 time, a substantial risk of death, a substantial risk of serious  
36 permanent disfigurement, a substantial risk of protracted loss  
37 or impairment of the function of any part or organ of the body,  
38 or breaks, fractures, or burns of the second or third degree.

39       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.