

By Senator Collins

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to violations against vulnerable road
3 users; creating s. 318.195, F.S.; providing a short
4 title; providing criminal penalties for a person who
5 commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily
6 injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road
7 user; requiring the person to pay a specified fine,
8 serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a
9 driver improvement course; requiring the court to
10 revoke the person's driver license for a specified
11 period; defining the term "vulnerable road user";
12 providing construction; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Section 318.195, Florida Statutes, is created to
17 read:

18 318.195 Enhanced penalties for moving violations causing
19 injury or death to vulnerable road users.-

20 (1) This section may be cited as the "Vulnerable Road User
21 Act."

22 (2) A person who commits a moving violation that causes
23 serious bodily injury, as defined in s. 316.1933(1)(b), to a
24 vulnerable road user commits a misdemeanor of the second degree,
25 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, and must,
26 upon conviction, pay a fine of not less than \$1,500, serve a
27 minimum of 30 days of house arrest, and attend a department-
28 approved driver improvement course relating to the rights of
29 vulnerable road users relative to vehicles on the roadway as

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30 provided in s. 322.0261(2). The court shall also revoke the
31 person's driver license for at least 30 days.

32 (3) A person who commits a moving violation that causes the
33 death of a vulnerable road user commits a misdemeanor of the
34 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
35 775.083, and must, upon conviction, pay a fine of not less than
36 \$5,000, serve a minimum of 180 days of house arrest, and attend
37 a department-approved driver improvement course relating to the
38 rights of vulnerable road users relative to vehicles on the
39 roadway as provided in s. 322.0261(2). The court shall also
40 revoke the person's driver license for at least 1 year.

41 (4) As used in this section, the term "vulnerable road
42 user" has the same meaning as in s. 316.027(1).

43 (5) This section does not prohibit a person from being
44 charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation
45 of law.

46 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.