

By the Committee on Transportation; and 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; requiring a person who commits a moving
5 violation that causes serious bodily injury to or the
6 death of a vulnerable road user to pay specified fines
7 and attend a specified driver improvement course;
8 requiring the court to revoke the person's driver
9 license for a specified period; defining the term
10 "vulnerable road user"; providing construction;
11 providing an 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 318.195, Florida Statutes, is created to
16 read:

17 318.195 Enhanced penalties for moving violations causing
18 injury or death to vulnerable road users.—

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

21 (2) A person who commits a moving violation that causes
22 serious bodily injury, as defined in s. 316.1933(1)(b), to a
23 vulnerable road user shall pay a fine of not less than \$1,500
24 and attend a department-approved driver improvement course
25 relating to the rights of vulnerable road users relative to
26 vehicles on the roadway as provided in s. 322.0261(2). The court
27 shall also revoke the person's driver license for at least 30
28 days.

29 (3) A person who commits a moving violation that causes the

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30 death of a vulnerable road user shall pay a fine of not less
31 than \$5,000 and attend a department-approved driver improvement
32 course relating to the rights of vulnerable road users relative
33 to vehicles on the roadway as provided in s. 322.0261(2). The
34 court shall also revoke the person's driver license for at least
35 1 year.

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

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

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