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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Comm: RCS	.	
04/01/2025	.	
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The Committee on Rules (Grall) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete line 301

and insert:

Section 3. Subsection (5) of section 318.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318.14 Noncriminal traffic infractions; exception; procedures.-

(5) (a) Any person electing to appear before the designated official or who is required to appear is ~~shall be~~ deemed to have waived his or her right to the civil penalty provisions of s.



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12 318.18. The official, after a hearing, shall make a  
13 determination as to whether an infraction has been committed. If  
14 the commission of an infraction has been proven, the official  
15 may impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$500, except that in  
16 cases involving unlawful speed in a school zone or involving  
17 unlawful speed in a construction zone, the civil penalty may not  
18 exceed \$1,000; or require attendance at a driver improvement  
19 school, or both.

20 (b)1. If the person is required to appear before the  
21 designated official pursuant to s. 318.19(1) and is found to  
22 have committed the infraction, the designated official must  
23 ~~shall~~ impose a civil penalty of \$1,000 in addition to any other  
24 penalties and the person's driver license shall be suspended for  
25 6 months.

26 2. If the person is required to appear before the  
27 designated official pursuant to s. 318.19(1) and is found to  
28 have committed the infraction against a vulnerable road user as  
29 defined in s. 316.027(1), the designated official must ~~shall~~  
30 impose a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000 in addition to  
31 any other penalties, the person's driver license must ~~shall~~ be  
32 suspended for 1 year, and the person must ~~shall~~ be required to  
33 attend a department-approved driver improvement course relating  
34 to the rights of vulnerable road users relative to vehicles on  
35 the roadway as provided in s. 322.0261(2).

36 (c)1. If the person is required to appear before the  
37 designated official pursuant to s. 318.19(2) and is found to  
38 have committed the infraction, the designated official must  
39 ~~shall~~ impose a civil penalty of \$500 in addition to any other  
40 penalties and the person's driver license must ~~shall~~ be



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41 suspended for 3 months.

42 2. If the person is required to appear before the  
43 designated official pursuant to s. 318.19(2) and is found to  
44 have committed the infraction against a vulnerable road user as  
45 defined in s. 316.027(1), the designated official must ~~shall~~  
46 impose a civil penalty of not less than \$1,500 in addition to  
47 any other penalties, the person's driver license must ~~shall~~ be  
48 suspended for 3 months, and the person must ~~shall~~ be required to  
49 attend a department-approved driver improvement course relating  
50 to the rights of vulnerable road users relative to vehicles on  
51 the roadway as provided in s. 322.0261(2).

52 (d) If the person is required to appear before the  
53 designated official pursuant to s. 318.19(6) and is found to  
54 have committed an infraction of s. 316.075(1)(c) or s.  
55 316.123(2):

56 1. Except as provided in subparagraphs 2. and 3., the  
57 designated official must impose a civil penalty of \$500 in  
58 addition to any other penalties.

59 2. A second time, the designated official must impose a  
60 civil penalty of \$1,000 in addition to any other penalties and  
61 the person's driver license must be suspended for 6 months.

62 3. A third or subsequent time, the designated official must  
63 impose a civil penalty of \$1,000 in addition to any other  
64 penalties and the person's driver license must be suspended for  
65 1 year.

66 (e) If the official determines that no infraction has been  
67 committed, no costs or penalties may ~~shall~~ be imposed and any  
68 costs or penalties that have been paid ~~must~~ ~~shall~~ be returned.

69 (f) Moneys received from the mandatory civil penalties



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70 imposed pursuant to this subsection upon persons required to  
71 appear before a designated official pursuant to s. 318.19(1),  
72 (2), or (6) ~~s. 318.19(1) or (2)~~ shall be remitted to the  
73 Department of Revenue and deposited into the Department of  
74 Health Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund to provide  
75 financial support to certified trauma centers to assure the  
76 availability and accessibility of trauma services throughout the  
77 state. Funds deposited into the Emergency Medical Services Trust  
78 Fund under this section shall be allocated as follows:

79 1.(a) Fifty percent shall be allocated equally among all  
80 Level I, Level II, and pediatric trauma centers in recognition  
81 of readiness costs for maintaining trauma services.

82 2.(b) Fifty percent shall be allocated among Level I, Level  
83 II, and pediatric trauma centers based on each center's relative  
84 volume of trauma cases as calculated using the hospital  
85 discharge data collected pursuant to s. 408.061.

86 Section 4. Section 318.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
87 read:

88 318.19 Infractions requiring a mandatory hearing.—Any  
89 person cited for the infractions listed in this section does  
90 ~~shall~~ not have the provisions of s. 318.14(2), (4), and (9)  
91 available to him or her but must appear before the designated  
92 official at the time and location of the scheduled hearing:

93 (1) Any infraction which results in a crash that causes the  
94 death of another;

95 (2) Any infraction which results in a crash that causes  
96 "serious bodily injury" of another as defined in s. 316.1933(1);

97 (3) Any infraction of s. 316.172(1)(b);

98 (4) Any infraction of s. 316.520(1) or (2); ~~or~~



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99           (5) Any infraction of s. 316.183(2), s. 316.187, or s.  
100 316.189 of exceeding the speed limit by 30 mph or more; or  
101           (6) Any infraction of s. 316.075(1)(c) or s. 316.123(2)  
102 which results in a crash with another vehicle as defined in s.  
103 316.003.

104           Section 5. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

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106 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

107 And the title is amended as follows:

108           Delete lines 2 - 16

109 and insert:

110           An act relating to traffic offenses; amending s.  
111 316.305, F.S.; revising a short title; revising  
112 legislative intent; defining terms; prohibiting a  
113 person from operating a motor vehicle while using a  
114 wireless communications device in a handheld manner;  
115 providing an exception; requiring that sustained use  
116 of a wireless communications device by a person  
117 operating a motor vehicle be conducted through a  
118 hands-free accessory until such use is terminated;  
119 revising exceptions to the prohibition; removing  
120 obsolete provisions; providing penalties; amending s.  
121 316.306, F.S.; revising penalty provisions relating to  
122 the use of wireless communications devices in a  
123 handheld manner in certain circumstances; conforming  
124 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.  
125 318.14, F.S.; requiring the imposition of specified  
126 civil penalties and periods of driver license  
127 suspension, in addition to any other penalties, on a



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128 person found at a mandatory hearing to have committed  
129 certain traffic infractions that resulted in a crash  
130 with another vehicle; amending s. 318.19, F.S.;  
131 requiring persons cited for specified infractions that  
132 result in a crash with another vehicle to appear at a  
133 certain mandatory hearing; providing an