

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Arrington

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to leaving the scene of a crash
3 involving only damage to vehicle or property; amending
4 s. 316.061, F.S.; authorizing a court to order a
5 driver convicted of leaving the scene of a crash to
6 make restitution for specified damage; 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 (1) of section 316.061, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 316.061 Crashes involving damage to vehicle or property.—

14 (1) The driver of any vehicle involved in a crash resulting
15 only in damage to a vehicle or other property which is driven or
16 attended by any person shall immediately stop such vehicle at
17 the scene of such crash or as close thereto as possible, and
18 shall forthwith return to, and in every event shall remain at,
19 the scene of the crash until he or she has fulfilled the
20 requirements of s. 316.062. A person who violates this
21 subsection commits a misdemeanor of the second degree,
22 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. The court
23 may order a driver convicted of a violation of this section, who
24 caused or otherwise contributed to the crash, to make
25 restitution to the owner of a vehicle or other property damaged
26 in the crash for any damage that was caused by the driver's
27 vehicle. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, \$5
28 shall be added to a fine imposed pursuant to this section, which
29 \$5 shall be deposited in the Emergency Medical Services Trust

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30 Fund.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.