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An act relating to leaving the scene of

An act relating to leaving the scene of a crash involving only damage to vehicle or property; amending s. 316.061, F.S.; requiring a person convicted of leaving the scene of a crash resulting only in damage to a vehicle or other property to be ordered to make restitution; providing an effective date.

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

## Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 316.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.061 Crashes involving damage to vehicle or property.-

(1) The driver of any vehicle involved in a crash resulting only in damage to a vehicle or other property which is driven or attended by any person shall immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of such crash or as close thereto as possible, and shall forthwith return to, and in every event shall remain at, the scene of the crash until he or she has fulfilled the requirements of s. 316.062. A person who violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person convicted of a violation of this section shall be ordered to make restitution to the owner of a vehicle or other property damaged in the crash for damage that was caused by his or her

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<u>vehicle.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, \$5 shall be added to a fine imposed pursuant to this section, which \$5 shall be deposited in the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund.

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

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