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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  
15   resulting only in damage to a vehicle or other property which is  
16   driven or attended by any person shall immediately stop such  
17   vehicle at the scene of such crash or as close thereto as  
18   possible, and shall forthwith return to, and in every event  
19   shall remain at, the scene of the crash until he or she has  
20   fulfilled the requirements of s. 316.062. A person who violates  
21   this 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

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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  
30 | Fund.

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