

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to noncriminal traffic infractions
3 causing vehicle crashes; amending s. 318.14, F.S.;
4 providing specified penalties for certain infractions
5 resulting in a crash with another vehicle; amending s.
6 318.19, F.S.; requiring a hearing for specified
7 infractions resulting in a crash with another vehicle;
8 providing an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 318.14, Florida**
13 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

14 318.14 Noncriminal traffic infractions; exception;
15 procedures.—

16 (5) (a) Any person electing to appear before the designated
17 official or who is required to appear shall be deemed to have
18 waived his or her right to the civil penalty provisions of s.
19 318.18. The official, after a hearing, shall make a
20 determination as to whether an infraction has been committed. If
21 the commission of an infraction has been proven, the official
22 may impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$500, except that in
23 cases involving unlawful speed in a school zone or involving
24 unlawful speed in a construction zone, the civil penalty may not
25 exceed \$1,000; or require attendance at a driver improvement

26 | school, or both.

27 | (b)1. If the person is required to appear before the
28 | designated official pursuant to s. 318.19(1) and is found to
29 | have committed the infraction, the designated official shall
30 | impose a civil penalty of \$1,000 in addition to any other
31 | penalties and the person's driver license shall be suspended for
32 | 6 months.

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

43 | (c)1. If the person is required to appear before the
44 | designated official pursuant to s. 318.19(2) and is found to
45 | have committed the infraction, the designated official shall
46 | impose a civil penalty of \$500 in addition to any other
47 | penalties and the person's driver license shall be suspended for
48 | 3 months.

49 | 2. If the person is required to appear before the
50 | designated official pursuant to s. 318.19(2) and is found to

51 have committed the infraction against a vulnerable road user as
52 defined in s. 316.027(1), the designated official shall impose a
53 civil penalty of not less than \$1,500 in addition to any other
54 penalties, the person's driver license shall be suspended for 3
55 months, and the person shall be required to attend a department-
56 approved driver improvement course relating to the rights of
57 vulnerable road users relative to vehicles on the roadway as
58 provided in s. 322.0261(2).

59 (d) If the person is required to appear before the
60 designated official pursuant to s. 318.19(6) and is found to
61 have committed an infraction of s. 316.075(1)(c) or s.
62 316.123(2):

63 1. Except as provided in subparagraphs 2. and 3., the
64 designated official shall impose a civil penalty of \$500 in
65 addition to any other penalties.

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

69 3. A third or subsequent time, the designated official
70 shall impose a civil penalty of \$1,000 in addition to any other
71 penalties and the person's driver license shall be suspended for
72 1 year.

73 (e) If the official determines that no infraction has been
74 committed, no costs or penalties shall be imposed and any costs
75 or penalties that have been paid shall be returned.

76 (f) Moneys received from the mandatory civil penalties
 77 imposed pursuant to this subsection upon persons required to
 78 appear before a designated official pursuant to s. 318.19(1), ~~or~~
 79 (2), or (6) shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue and
 80 deposited into the Department of Health Emergency Medical
 81 Services Trust Fund to provide financial support to certified
 82 trauma centers to assure the availability and accessibility of
 83 trauma services throughout the state. Funds deposited into the
 84 Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund under this section shall
 85 be allocated as follows:

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

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

93 **Section 2. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 318.19,**
 94 **Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (6) is added to**
 95 **that section, to read:**

96 318.19 Infractions requiring a mandatory hearing.—Any
 97 person cited for the infractions listed in this section shall
 98 not have the provisions of s. 318.14(2), (4), and (9) available
 99 to him or her but must appear before the designated official at
 100 the time and location of the scheduled hearing:

- 101 (4) Any infraction of s. 316.520(1) or (2); ~~or~~
 102 (5) Any infraction of s. 316.183(2), s. 316.187, or s.
 103 316.189 of exceeding the speed limit by 30 mph or more; or
 104 (6) Any infraction of s. 316.075(1)(c) or s. 316.123(2)
 105 that results in a crash with another vehicle as defined in s.
 106 316.003.

107 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.