

House Bill No. 925

An act relating to traffic regulations; amending s. 316.1303, F.S.; requiring vehicle operators to stop and yield to mobility-impaired pedestrians who are assisted by guide dogs or other service animals; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 316.1303, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.1303 Traffic regulations to assist mobility-impaired persons.—Whenever a pedestrian is in the process of crossing a public street or highway and the pedestrian is mobility-impaired (using a guide dog or service animal designated as such with a visible means of identification, a walker, a crutch, an orthopedic cane, or a wheelchair), the driver of every vehicle approaching the intersection, as defined in s. 316.003(17), shall bring his or her vehicle to a full stop before arriving at such intersection and, before proceeding, shall take such precautions as may be necessary to avoid injuring such pedestrian. A person who is convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished as provided in s. 318.18(3).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

Approved by the Governor June 17, 2005.

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