

CHAPTER 2026-53

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 35

An act relating to habitual traffic offender designation; providing a short title; amending s. 322.264, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “habitual traffic offender”; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as “Isaiah’s Law.”

Section 2. Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection (1) of section 322.264, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (g) is added to that subsection, to read:

322.264 “Habitual traffic offender” defined.—A “habitual traffic offender” is any person whose record, as maintained by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, shows that such person has accumulated the specified number of convictions for offenses described in subsection (1) or subsection (2) within a 5-year period:

(1) Three or more convictions of any one or more of the following offenses arising out of separate acts:

(e) Failing to stop and render aid as required under the laws of this state in the event of a motor vehicle crash resulting in the death or personal injury of another; or

(f) Driving a commercial motor vehicle while his or her privilege is disqualified; or

(g) Driving a motor vehicle without a valid license in violation of s. 322.03.

Any violation of any federal law, any law of another state or country, or any valid ordinance of a municipality or county of another state similar to a statutory prohibition specified in subsection (1) or subsection (2) shall be counted as a violation of such prohibition. In computing the number of convictions, all convictions during the 5 years previous to July 1, 1972, will be used, provided at least one conviction occurs after that date. The fact that previous convictions may have resulted in suspension, revocation, or disqualification under another section does not exempt them from being used for suspension or revocation under this section as a habitual offender.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor April 23, 2026.

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