

HB143 INTRODUCED



1 HB143
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3 By Representative Wilcox
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, criminally negligent
6 homicide caused by the driver or operator of a vehicle
7 or vessel is a Class C felony.

8 This bill would provide that criminally
9 negligent homicide caused by the driver or operator of
10 a vehicle or vessel is a Class B felony.

11 Under existing law, a violation of the legal
12 requirements for individuals involved in a motor
13 vehicle accident involving death or personal injury are
14 punished for a Class C felony.

15 This bill would provide that a violation of the
16 legal requirements for individuals involved in a motor
17 vehicle accident shall be punished for a Class C felony
18 if the violation involves a physical injury, for a
19 Class B felony if the violation involves a serious
20 physical injury, and for a Class A felony if the
21 violation involves a death.

22 This bill would also provide that any individual
23 who suffers any damage or loss in connection with
24 criminal conduct that results in a conviction for a
25 violation of the legal requirements for individuals
26 involved in a motor vehicle accident shall be
27 considered a victim for the purposes of restitution.
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A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to crimes and offenses; to amend Sections 13A-6-4 and 32-10-6, Code of Alabama 1975; to further provide for the criminal penalties for violations related to motor vehicle accidents; and to further provide for restitution.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as The Devinee and John Wesley Safe Streets Act.

Section 2. Sections 13A-6-4 and 32-10-6, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§13A-6-4

(a) A person commits the crime of criminally negligent homicide if he or she causes the death of another person by criminal negligence.

(b) The jury may consider statutes and ordinances regulating the actor's conduct in determining whether the actor is culpably negligent under subsection (a).

(c) Criminally negligent homicide is a Class A misdemeanor, except in cases in which the criminally negligent homicide is caused by the driver or operator of a vehicle or vessel who is driving or operating the vehicle or vessel in violation of Section 32-5A-191 or 32-5A-191.3; in these cases, criminally negligent homicide is a Class ~~C~~B felony."

"§32-10-6



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(a) Every person convicted of violating Sections 32-10-1 through 32-10-5 ~~or any of the provisions thereof, when such violation involved only damage to property,~~ shall be punished ~~the same as prescribed by law for~~ as follows:

(1) For a violation involving only damage to property, a Class A misdemeanor; ~~provided, however, that every person convicted of violating such sections, or any provisions thereof, when such.~~

(2) For a violation ~~involved death or personal~~ involving physical injury, ~~shall be punished the same as prescribed by law for~~ a Class C felony.

(3) For a violation involving serious physical injury, a Class B felony.

(4) For a violation involving death, a Class A felony.

(b) Any individual who suffers any damage or loss in connection with criminal conduct that results in a conviction for any violation of Sections 32-10-1 through 32-10-5 shall be considered a victim for the purposes of Article 4A of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Code of Alabama 1975."

Section 3. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.