

**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

31 TO BE ENTITLED

## AN ACT

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38 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

43 "§13A-6-4

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

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

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

56 "§32-10-6



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57           (a) Every person convicted of violating Sections  
58   32-10-1 through 32-10-5 ~~or any of the provisions thereof, when~~  
59 ~~such violation involved only damage to property,~~ shall be  
60 punished ~~the same as prescribed by law for~~ as follows:

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

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

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

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

71           (b) Any individual who suffers any damage or loss in  
72 connection with criminal conduct that results in a conviction  
73 for any violation of Sections 32-10-1 through 32-10-5 shall be  
74 considered a victim for the purposes of Article 4A of Chapter  
75 18 of Title 15 of the Code of Alabama 1975."

76           Section 3. This act shall become effective on October  
77 1, 2026.