
SENATE BILL 6282

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1 AN ACT Relating to duties of drivers involved in traffic accidents
2 resulting in injury or death; amending RCW 46.52.020; and prescribing
3 penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.52.020 and 1990 c 210 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) A driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in
8 the injury to or death of any person shall immediately stop such
9 vehicle at the scene of such accident or as close thereto as possible
10 but shall then forthwith return to, and in every event remain at, the
11 scene of such accident until he or she has fulfilled the requirements
12 of subsection (3) of this section; every such stop shall be made
13 without obstructing traffic more than is necessary.

14 (2) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting
15 only in damage to a vehicle which is driven or attended by any person
16 or damage to other property shall immediately stop such vehicle at the
17 scene of such accident or as close thereto as possible and shall
18 forthwith return to, and in any event shall remain at, the scene of
19 such accident until he or she has fulfilled the requirements of

1 subsection (3) of this section; every such stop shall be made without
2 obstructing traffic more than is necessary.

3 (3) Unless otherwise provided in subsection (7) of this section,
4 the driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury
5 to or death of any person or damage to any vehicle which is driven or
6 attended by any person or damage to other property shall give his or
7 her name, address, insurance company, insurance policy number, and
8 vehicle license number and shall exhibit his or her vehicle driver's
9 license to any person struck or injured or the driver or any occupant
10 of, or any person attending, any such vehicle collided with and shall
11 render to any person injured in such accident reasonable assistance,
12 including the carrying or the making of arrangements for the carrying
13 of such person to a physician or hospital for medical treatment if it
14 is apparent that such treatment is necessary or if such carrying is
15 requested by the injured person or on his or her behalf. Under no
16 circumstances shall the rendering of assistance or other compliance
17 with the provisions of this subsection be evidence of the liability of
18 any driver for such accident.

19 (4)(a) Any driver covered by the provisions of subsection (1) of
20 this section failing to stop or comply with any of the requirements of
21 subsection (3) of this section (~~((under said circumstances))~~) shall be
22 guilty of a class C felony and, upon conviction, be punished pursuant
23 to chapter 9A.20 RCW (~~((9A.20.020: PROVIDED, That this provision shall~~
24 ~~not apply to any person injured or incapacitated by such accident to~~
25 ~~the extent of being physically incapable of complying herewith))~~).

26 (b) Any driver covered by the provisions of subsection (1) of this
27 section causing injury to or death of any person in a roadway
28 construction zone as defined in RCW 46.61.527 and failing to stop or
29 comply with any of the requirements of subsection (3) of this section
30 shall be guilty of a class B felony and, upon conviction, be punished
31 pursuant to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

32 (c) (a) and (b) of this subsection shall not apply to any person
33 injured or incapacitated by such accident to the extent of being
34 physically incapable of complying.

35 (5) Any driver covered by the provisions of subsection (2) of this
36 section failing to stop or to comply with any of the requirements of
37 subsection (3) of this section (~~((under said circumstances))~~) shall be
38 guilty of a gross misdemeanor: PROVIDED, That this provision shall not

1 apply to any person injured or incapacitated by such accident to the
2 extent of being physically incapable of complying ((herewith)).

3 (6) The license or permit to drive or any nonresident privilege to
4 drive of any person convicted under this section or any local ordinance
5 consisting of substantially the same language as this section of
6 failure to stop and give information or render aid following an
7 accident with any vehicle driven or attended by any person shall be
8 revoked by the department.

9 (7) If none of the persons specified are in condition to receive
10 the information to which they otherwise would be entitled under
11 subsection (3) of this section, and no police officer is present, the
12 driver of any vehicle involved in such accident after fulfilling all
13 other requirements of subsections (1) and (3) of this section insofar
14 as possible on his or her part to be performed, shall forthwith report
15 such accident to the nearest office of the duly authorized police
16 authority and submit thereto the information specified in subsection
17 (3) of this section.

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