

Senate Bill 346

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI (at the request of Florence Police Department) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs drivers involved in accident resulting only in damage to property on or near highway to notify property owner by quickest means possible rather than within reasonable period of time.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to notification of property damage by driver; amending ORS 811.700.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 811.700 is amended to read:

5 811.700. (1) A person commits the offense of failure to perform the duties of a driver when
6 property is damaged if the person is the driver of any vehicle and the person does not perform duties
7 required under any of the following:

8 (a) If the person is the driver of any vehicle involved in an accident that results only in damage
9 to a vehicle that is driven or attended by any other person the person must perform all of the fol-
10 lowing duties:

11 (A) Immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible.
12 Every stop required under this subparagraph shall be made without obstructing traffic more than
13 is necessary.

14 (B) Remain at the scene of the accident until the driver has fulfilled all of the requirements
15 under this paragraph.

16 (C) Give to the other driver or passenger the name and address of the driver and the registra-
17 tion number of the vehicle that the driver is driving and the name and address of any other occu-
18 pants of the vehicle.

19 (D) Upon request and if available, exhibit and give to the occupant of or person attending any
20 vehicle damaged the number of any documents issued as evidence of driving privileges granted to
21 the driver.

22 (b) If the person is the driver of any vehicle that collides with any vehicle that is unattended,
23 the person shall immediately stop and:

24 (A) Locate and notify the operator or owner of the vehicle of the name and address of the driver
25 and owner of the vehicle striking the unattended vehicle; or

26 (B) Leave in a conspicuous place in the vehicle struck a written notice giving the name and
27 address of the driver and of the owner of the vehicle doing the striking and a statement of the cir-
28 cumstances thereof.

29 (c) If the person is the driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage
30 to fixtures or property legally upon or adjacent to a highway, the person shall do all of the follow-
31 ing:

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (A) Take [*reasonable*] steps to notify the owner or person in charge of the property **by the**
2 **quickest means possible** of such fact and of the driver's name and address and of the registration
3 number of the vehicle the driver is driving.

4 (B) Upon request and if available, exhibit any document issued as official evidence of a grant
5 of driving privileges to the driver.

6 (2) The offense described in this section, failure to perform the duties of a driver when property
7 is damaged, is a Class A misdemeanor and is applicable on any premises open to the public.

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