

HOUSE BILL 319

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIME; INCREASING PENALTIES WHEN A DRIVER INVOLVED
IN AN ACCIDENT RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH FAILS TO STOP AND
REMAIN AT THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 66-7-201 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
Chapter 35, Section 390, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-7-201. ACCIDENTS INVOLVING DEATH OR PERSONAL
INJURIES.--

A. The driver of [~~any~~] a vehicle involved in an
accident resulting in injury to or death of [~~any~~] a person
shall immediately stop the driver's vehicle at the scene of the
accident or as close [~~thereto~~] to the scene as possible [~~but~~
~~shall then~~] and immediately return to and [~~in every event~~
~~shall~~] remain at the scene of the accident until [~~he~~] the

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1 driver has fulfilled the requirements of Section 66-7-203 NMSA
2 1978. [~~Every such stop shall be made~~] The driver shall stop
3 and remain at the scene of the accident without obstructing
4 traffic more than is necessary.

5 B. [~~Any~~] A person [~~failing~~] who fails to stop or to
6 comply with the requirements of Section 66-7-203 NMSA 1978
7 [~~where the~~] with respect to an accident that results in great
8 bodily harm or death is guilty of a [~~fourth~~] third degree
9 felony and shall be sentenced pursuant to the provisions of
10 Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978.

11 C. [~~Any~~] A person who knowingly fails to stop or to
12 comply with the requirements of Section 66-7-203 NMSA 1978
13 [~~where the~~] with respect to an accident that results in great
14 bodily harm or death is guilty of a [~~third~~] second degree
15 felony and shall be sentenced pursuant to the provisions of
16 Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978.

17 D. [~~Any~~] A person [~~failing~~] who fails to stop or to
18 comply with the requirements of Section 66-7-203 NMSA 1978
19 [~~where the~~] with respect to an accident that does not result in
20 great bodily harm or death is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall
21 be sentenced pursuant to the provisions of Subsection A of
22 Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978.

23 E. A person who knowingly fails to stop or to
24 comply with the requirements of Section 66-7-203 NMSA 1978 with
25 respect to an accident that does not result in great bodily

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