

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2011 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

HB 347 — Vehicle Crashes Involving Death

by Rep. Diaz and others (SB 514 by Senators Garcia and Diaz de la Portilla)

The bill provides that a person who is arrested for failure to stop a vehicle at the scene of an accident involving the death of any person and who has previously been convicted of leaving the scene of an accident, racing on highways, driving under the influence, or felony driving while license suspended, revoked, canceled, or disqualified must be held in custody until first appearance for a bail determination. This change prevents judges who issue warrants for failure to stop a vehicle at the scene of an accident involving death from setting a predetermined bond amount in an arrest warrant. It also prevents local jurisdictions from placing the offense on a bond schedule with predetermined bond amounts.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2011.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 116-0