

LEGISLATIVE BILL 914

Approved by the Governor March 3, 2010

Introduced by Sullivan, 41.

FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend section 60-696, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change a provision relating to the duty to stop after an accident; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 60-696, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

60-696 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the driver of any vehicle involved in an accident upon a public highway, private road, or private drive, resulting in damage to property, shall (a) immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of such accident and (b) give his or her name, address, telephone number, and operator's license number to the owner of the property struck or the driver or occupants of any other vehicle involved in the collision.

(2) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident upon a public highway, private road, or private drive, resulting in damage to an unattended vehicle or property, shall immediately stop such vehicle and leave in a conspicuous place in or on the unattended vehicle or property a written notice containing the information required by subsection (1) of this section. In addition, such driver shall, without unnecessary delay, report the collision, by telephone or otherwise, to an appropriate peace officer.

(3) (a) A peace officer may remove or cause to be removed from a roadway, without the consent of the driver or owner, any vehicle, cargo, or other property which is obstructing the roadway creating or aggravating an emergency situation or otherwise endangering the public safety. Any vehicle, cargo, or other property obstructing a roadway shall be removed by the most expeditious means available to clear the obstruction, giving due regard to the protection of the property removed.

(b) This subsection does not apply if an accident results in or is believed to involve the release of hazardous materials, hazardous substances, or hazardous wastes, as those terms are defined in section 75-362.

(4) Any person violating subsection (1) or (2) of this section is guilty of a Class II misdemeanor. If such person has had one or more convictions under this section in the twelve years prior to the date of the current conviction under this section, such person is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. As part of any sentence, suspended sentence, or judgment of conviction under this section, the court ~~shall~~ may order the defendant not to drive any motor vehicle for any purpose in the State of Nebraska for a period of up to one year from the date ordered by the court. If the court orders the defendant not to drive any motor vehicle for any purpose in the State of Nebraska for a period of up to one year from the date ordered by the court, the court shall also order that the operator's license of such person be revoked for a like period.

Sec. 2. Original section 60-696, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is repealed.