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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1532**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Gatto  
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Maienschein, and Ting)**

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An act to add Section 20005 to the Vehicle Code, relating to accidents.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1532, as amended, Gatto. Vehicle: accidents.

Existing law requires a driver involved in an accident resulting only in damage to property to, among other things, immediately stop the vehicle at the nearest location that will not impede traffic or otherwise jeopardize the safety of other motorists. A violation of these provisions is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 6 months, or by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or both.

This bill would provide that a driver of a vehicle involved in an accident where a person is struck ~~but not injured~~, shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident and provide specified information including, but not limited to, his or her name and current residence address. A violation of these provisions would be *either an infraction, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$250, or a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for 6 months, or by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or by both*, and the Department of Motor

Vehicles would be required to immediately suspend the driver’s license of a convicted driver for 6 months.

Because these changes would have the effect of expanding the scope of an existing crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 20005 is added to the Vehicle Code, to  
2 read:

3 20005. (a) The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident  
4 where a person is struck ~~but not injured~~ shall immediately stop the  
5 vehicle at the scene of the accident, and shall also give his or her  
6 name, current residence address, the names and current residence  
7 addresses of any occupant of the driver’s vehicle injured in the  
8 accident, the registration number of the vehicle he or she is driving,  
9 and the name and current residence address of the owner to the  
10 person struck and the driver or occupants of any vehicle collided  
11 with, and shall give the information to any traffic or police officer  
12 at the scene of the accident.

13 (b) A driver or injured occupant of a driver’s vehicle subject to  
14 the provisions of subdivision (a) shall also, upon being requested,  
15 exhibit his or her driver’s license, if available, or, in the case of  
16 an injured occupant, any other available identification, to the person  
17 struck or the driver or occupants of any vehicle collided with, and  
18 to any traffic or police officer at the scene of the accident.

19 (c) A person failing to comply with all the requirements of this  
20 section is guilty of *an infraction or a misdemeanor* and, upon  
21 ~~conviction thereof, shall~~ *misdemeanor*.

22 (1) *Upon conviction of an infraction for a violation of*  
23 *subdivision (c), a person shall be punished by a fine not exceeding*  
24 *two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).*

1 (2) *Upon conviction of a misdemeanor for a violation of*  
2 *subdivision (c), a person shall be punished by imprisonment in*  
3 *the county jail not exceeding six months, or by a fine not exceeding*  
4 *one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that imprisonment and*  
5 *fine.*

6 (d) In addition to the punishment in subdivision (c), the  
7 Department of Motor Vehicles shall immediately suspend the  
8 driver's license of the convicted driver for six months.

9 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
10 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
11 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
12 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
13 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
14 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
15 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
16 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
17 Constitution.