



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2015 Wisconsin Act 319**  
[2015 Assembly Bill 201]

**Duty to Stop at the Scene of a  
Motor Vehicle Accident**

Under prior law, the operator of a vehicle involved in an accident that resulted in the injury or death of a person, or in damage to a vehicle driven or attended by a person, was required to stop at the scene of the accident and fulfill certain requirements.

Under 2015 Wisconsin Act 319, the operator of a vehicle involved in an accident **must reasonably investigate what was struck and if the operator knows or has reason to know** that the accident resulted in the injury or death of a person, or in damage to a vehicle driven or attended by a person, the operator must stop at the scene of the accident and fulfill certain requirements. In addition, the Act provides that a prosecutor is not required to allege or prove that an operator knew that he or she collided with a person or a vehicle driven or attended by a person in a prosecution under this provision.

*Effective date:* April 1, 2016. The Act first applies to violations committed on April 1, 2016.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.