HF 313

(DOT-sponsored legislation)

Quick clearance of damaged vehicles from the traveled portion of the road

This bill amends Iowa Code section 321.262 by eliminating the requirement that the driver is to stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible, and inserts that the driver is required to remove the vehicle from the traveled portion of the roadway if the vehicle is operable and removal can be achieved in a safe manner. Directs the driver to remove the vehicle without obstructing traffic more than is necessary. Allows another person to remove the vehicle when the driver has not done so. Retains the requirement that the driver remain at the scene. Adds that any person who fails to remain at the scene of the accident or fails to fulfill the requirements in Iowa Code section 321.263 is guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as provided in Iowa Code section 321.482.