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Bill 122

**An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act to create an offence of
contravention causing death or serious bodily harm**

Ms J. French

Private Member's Bill

1st Reading June 3, 2019

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



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contravention causing death or serious bodily harm**

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1 The *Highway Traffic Act* is amended by adding the following Part:

PART X.0.1

CONTRAVENTIONS CAUSING DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY HARM

Contravention causing death or serious bodily harm

191.0.2 Every person who, while contravening this Act or the regulations, causes, or contributes to causing, an accident that causes the death of a person or serious bodily harm to a person is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than two years, or to both, and in addition his or her driver's licence or permit may be suspended for a period of not more than five years.

Commencement

2 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

3 The short title of this Act is the *Fairness for Road Users Act (Contraventions Causing Death or Serious Bodily Harm), 2019*.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill amends the *Highway Traffic Act*. If a person causes or contributes to causing an accident which causes death or serious bodily harm, and at the time the person was contravening the *Highway Traffic Act* or its regulations, then the person is guilty of an offence. The court may sentence the person to a fine of up to \$50,000, or to imprisonment for up to two years, or to both. The court may also suspend the person's driver's licence or permit.