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# Bill 47

**An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act  
to set penalties for contraventions causing death or serious bodily harm**

**Ms J. French**

**Private Member's Bill**

1st Reading      June 4, 2025

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



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to set penalties for contraventions causing death or serious bodily harm**

His 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**

**Contraventions causing death or serious bodily harm**

**191.0.2** Every person who, while committing an offence under this Act, causes, or contributes to causing, an accident that causes the death of a person or serious bodily harm to a person 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 the person's 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)*, 2025.**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Bill amends the *Highway Traffic Act*. If, while committing an offence under the Act, a person causes or contributes to causing an accident which causes death or serious bodily harm, the person 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. The person's driver's licence or permit may be suspended for a period of not more than five years.