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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill modifies provisions governing motor vehicle crashes, stopping, collision reporting, and terminology. Among the changes, it: (1) replaces the term “accident” with “collision” for hit and run provisions; (2) expands a driver’s duty to stop for motor vehicle collisions and to investigate what was struck; (3) expands conditions when a driver must remain at the scene and provide information; and (4) limits what constitutes a defense in failure to stop after a collision. The changes also impact the statute on criminal vehicular operation.

### Section

- 1**      **Collisions.** Modifies a section governing stops and reporting of motor vehicle collisions. Among the changes, the bill:
- ▶ revises terminology to use “collision” instead of “accident” for hit and run provisions;
  - ▶ requires a driver to—in addition to stopping—investigate what was struck when a collision occurs;
  - ▶ amends provisions on remaining at the scene and providing information to include when a person knows or reasonably should know about the collision (e.g., one involving bodily injury or death);
  - ▶ clarifies that stops made following collisions with unattended vehicles must not unnecessarily obstruct traffic;
  - ▶ establishes that mistake as to what was struck does not constitute a defense in charges for failure to stop following a collision; and

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- ▶ makes technical changes.

**2**      **Criminal vehicular homicide or operation; crime described.** Makes conforming changes.