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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to uniform traffic control; creating the "Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act"; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; defining the term "traffic infraction detector"; creating s. 316.0083, F.S.; creating the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program to be administered by the Department of Transportation; requiring a county or municipality to enact an ordinance in order to use a traffic infraction detector to identify a motor vehicle that fails to stop at a traffic control signal steady red light; requiring such detectors to meet department contract specifications; requiring authorization of a traffic infraction enforcement officer or a code enforcement officer to issue and enforce a ticket for such violation; requiring signage; requiring certain public awareness procedures; requiring the ordinance to establish a fine of a certain amount; requiring the ordinance to provide for installing, maintaining, and operating such detectors on rights-of-way owned or maintained by the department, county, or municipality; prohibiting additional charges; exempting emergency vehicles; providing that the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation is responsible and liable for payment of the fine assessed; providing exceptions; providing procedures for disposition and enforcement of tickets; providing for a person to contest such ticket; providing for disposition of revenue collected; providing complaint procedures;

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providing for the Legislature to exclude a county or municipality from the program; requiring reports from participating municipalities and counties to the department; requiring the department to make reports to the Governor and the Legislature; amending s. 316.0745, F.S.; providing that traffic infraction detectors must meet certain specifications; creating s. 316.07456, F.S.; providing for preexisting equipment; requiring counties and municipalities that enacted an ordinance to enforce red light violations or entered into a contract to purchase or lease equipment to enforce red light violations before the effective date of this act to charge a certain penalty amount; requiring counties or municipalities that have acquired such equipment pursuant to an agreement entered into before the effective date of this act to make certain payments to the state; providing for future expiration of such provisions; creating s. 316.0776, F.S.; providing for placement and installation of detectors on the State Highway System, county roads, and city streets; amending s. 316.1967, F.S.; providing for inclusion of persons with outstanding violations in a list sent to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for enforcement purposes; amending s. 395.4036, F.S.; providing for distribution of funds to trauma centers, certain hospitals, certain nursing homes, and certain health units and programs, to be used for specified purposes; correcting a cross-reference; ratifying

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prior enforcement actions; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act."

Section 2. Subsection (86) is added to section 316.003, Florida Statutes, to read:

316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except where the context otherwise requires:

installed to work in conjunction with a traffic control signal and a camera or cameras synchronized to automatically record two or more sequenced photographic or electronic images or streaming video of only the rear of a motor vehicle at the time the vehicle fails to stop behind the stop bar or clearly marked stop line when facing a traffic control signal steady red light. Any ticket issued by the use of a traffic infraction detector must include a photograph or other recorded image showing both the license tag of the offending vehicle and the traffic control device being violated.

Section 3. Section 316.0083, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.0083 Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program; administration; report.—

(1) There is created the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety

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Program governing the operation of traffic infraction detectors.

The program shall be administered by the Department of

Transportation and shall include the following provisions:

(a) In order to use a traffic infraction detector, a county or municipality must enact an ordinance that provides for the use of a traffic infraction detector to enforce s. 316.075(1)(c), which requires the driver of a vehicle to stop the vehicle when facing a traffic control signal steady red light on the streets and highways under the jurisdiction of the county or municipality. The traffic infraction detector must conform to the contract specifications adopted by the Department of Transportation under s. 316.0776. A county or municipality may install such detectors on state, county, or municipal rights-of-way within the boundaries of that county or municipality. Only a municipality may install or authorize the installation of any such detectors within the incorporated area of the municipality. A municipality may authorize the state or county to install such detectors within its incorporated area. Only a county may install or authorize the installation of any such detectors within the unincorporated area of the county. A county may authorize the state to install such detectors in the unincorporated area of the county. A county or municipality that operates a traffic infraction detector must authorize a traffic infraction enforcement officer or a code enforcement officer to issue a ticket for a violation of s. 316.075(1)(c) and to enforce the payment of the ticket for such violation. This paragraph does not authorize a traffic infraction enforcement officer or a code enforcement officer to carry a firearm or other weapon and does not authorize such an officer to make

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arrests. The ordinance must require signs to be posted at locations designated by the county or municipality providing notification that a traffic infraction detector may be in use. Such signage must conform to the specifications adopted by the Department of Transportation under s. 316.0745. The ordinance must provide for the county or municipality to install, maintain, and operate traffic infraction detectors on a rightof-way owned or maintained by the Department of Transportation or on a right-of-way owned or maintained by the county or municipality in which the traffic infraction detector is to be installed. The ordinance must also require that the county or municipality make a public announcement and conduct a public awareness campaign of the proposed use of traffic infraction detectors at least 30 days before commencing the enforcement program. In addition, the ordinance must establish a fine of \$150 to be assessed against the registered owner of a motor vehicle that fails to stop when facing a traffic control signal steady red light as determined through the use of a traffic infraction detector. Any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, an additional surcharge, fee, or cost may not be added to the civil penalty authorized by this paragraph.

- (b) When responding to an emergency call, an emergency vehicle is exempt from any ordinance enacted under this section.
- (c) A county or municipality must adopt an ordinance under this section that provides for the use of a traffic infraction detector in order to impose a fine on the registered owner of a motor vehicle for a violation of s. 316.075(1)(c). The fine shall be imposed in the same manner and is subject to the same limitations as provided for parking violations under s.

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316.1967. Except as specifically provided in this section, chapter 318 and s. 322.27 do not apply to a violation of s. 316.075(1)(c) for which a ticket has been issued under an ordinance enacted pursuant to this section. Enforcement of a ticket issued under the ordinance is not a conviction of the operator of the motor vehicle, may not be made a part of the driving record of the operator, and may not be used for purposes of setting motor vehicle insurance rates. Points under s. 322.27 may not be assessed based upon such enforcement.

(d) The procedures set forth in s. 316.1967(2)-(5) apply to an ordinance enacted pursuant to this section, except that the ticket must contain the name and address of the person alleged to be liable as the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation, the tag number of the motor vehicle, the violation charged, a copy of the photographic image or images evidencing the violation, the location where the violation occurred, the date and time of the violation, information that identifies the device that recorded the violation, and a signed statement by a specifically trained technician employed by the agency or its contractor that, based on inspection of photographs or other recorded images, the motor vehicle was being operated in violation of s. 316.075(1)(c). The ticket must advise the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation of the amount of the fine, the date by which the fine must be paid, and the procedure for contesting the violation alleged in the ticket. The ticket must contain a warning that failure to contest the violation in the manner and time provided is deemed an admission of the liability and that a default may be entered thereon. The violation shall be processed

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by the county or municipality that has jurisdiction over the

street or highway where the violation occurred or by any entity

authorized by the county or municipality to prepare and mail the

ticket.

- (e) The ticket shall be sent by first-class mail, addressed to the registered owner of the motor vehicle, and postmarked no later than 30 days after the date of the violation.
- (f)1. The registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in a violation is responsible and liable for payment of the fine assessed pursuant to this section unless the owner can establish that:
- a. The motor vehicle passed through the intersection in order to yield right-of-way to an emergency vehicle or as part of a funeral procession;
- <u>b. The motor vehicle passed through the intersection at the</u> direction of a law enforcement officer;
- c. The motor vehicle was stolen at the time of the alleged violation;
- d. The motor vehicle passed through the intersection because the driver was responding to a medical emergency; or
- e. A uniform traffic citation was issued to the driver of the motor vehicle for the alleged violation of s. 316.075(1)(c).
- 2. In order to establish any such fact, the registered owner of the vehicle must, within 30 days after receipt of notification of the alleged violation, furnish to the county or municipality, as appropriate, an affidavit that sets forth detailed information supporting an exemption under subsubparagraph 1.a., sub-subparagraph 1.b., sub-subparagraph 1.c., or sub-subparagraph 1.e. For an exemption under sub-subparagraph

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1.c., the affidavit must set forth that the vehicle was stolen and be accompanied by a copy of the police report indicating that the vehicle was stolen at the time of the alleged violation. For an exemption under sub-subparagraph 1.e., the affidavit must set forth that a citation was issued and be accompanied by a copy of the citation indicating the time of the alleged violation and the location of the intersection where it occurred.

- (g) A person may contest the determination that such person failed to stop at a traffic control signal steady red light as evidenced by a traffic infraction detector by electing to appear before any judge or hearing officer authorized by law to preside over a hearing that adjudicates traffic infractions. A person who elects to appear before the judge or hearing officer to present evidence is deemed to have waived the limitation of civil penalties imposed for the violation. The judge or hearing officer, after hearing, shall determine whether the violation was committed and may impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$150 plus costs. The judge or hearing officer may take appropriate measures to enforce the collection of any penalty not paid within the time permitted by the county, municipality, or court.
- (h) A certificate sworn to or affirmed by a person authorized under this section who is employed by or under contract with the county or municipality where the infraction occurred, or a facsimile thereof that is based upon inspection of photographs or other recorded images produced by a traffic infraction detector, is prima facie evidence of the facts contained in the certificate. A photograph or other recorded image evidencing a violation of s. 316.075(1)(c) must be

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available for inspection in any proceeding to adjudicate
liability under an ordinance enacted pursuant to this section.

- (i) In any county or municipality in which tickets are issued as provided in this section, the names of persons who have one or more outstanding violations may be included on the list authorized under s. 316.1967(6).
- (2) Of the fine imposed pursuant to paragraph (1) (a) or paragraph (1) (g), \$55 shall be remitted by the county or municipality to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, \$20 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund, and \$75 shall be retained by the county or municipality enforcing the ordinance enacted pursuant to this section. Funds deposited into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund under this subsection shall be distributed as provided in s. 395.4036(1).
- (3) A complaint that a county or municipality is employing traffic infraction detectors for purposes other than the promotion of public health, welfare, and safety or in a manner inconsistent with this section may be submitted to the governing body of such county or municipality. Such complaints, along with any investigation and corrective action taken by the county or municipal governing body, shall be included in the annual report to the Department of Transportation and in that department's annual summary report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House Representatives, as required by this section. Based on its review of the report, the Legislature may exclude a county or municipality from further participation in the program.

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(4) (a) Each county or municipality that operates a traffic infraction detector shall submit an annual report to the Department of Transportation that details the results of using the traffic infraction detector and the procedures for enforcement.

(b) The Department of Transportation shall provide an annual summary report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the use and operation of traffic infraction detectors under this section. The summary report must include a review of the information submitted to the Department of Transportation by the counties and municipalities and must describe the enhancement of the traffic safety and enforcement programs. The Department of Transportation shall report its recommendations, including any necessary legislation, on or before December 1, 2010, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Section 4. Subsection (6) of section 316.0745, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.0745 Uniform signals and devices.

(6) Any system of traffic control devices controlled and operated from a remote location by electronic computers or similar devices <u>must shall</u> meet all requirements established for the uniform system, and, if where such a system affects systems affect the movement of traffic on state roads, the design of the system <u>must shall</u> be reviewed and approved by the Department of Transportation.

Section 5. Section 316.07456, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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316.07456 Grandfather clause.-

- (1) Any traffic infraction detector deployed on the streets and highways of the state must meet the contract specifications established by the Department of Transportation and must be tested at regular intervals according to procedures prescribed by that department.
- (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, before September 30, 2011, nothing in this act shall prohibit any county or municipality from using red light traffic enforcement devices of any type or from enforcing violations of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c) or other red light traffic enforcement ordinances if such county or municipality has enacted an ordinance to enforce red light violations or has entered into a contract to purchase or lease equipment to enforce red light violations before the effective date of this act.
- equipment pursuant to subsection (2) shall charge violators a \$150 penalty. Of that penalty, \$55 shall be remitted by the county or municipality to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, \$20 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund, and \$75 shall be retained by the county or municipality. Funds deposited into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund under this subsection shall be distributed as provided in s. 395.4036(1)(a) as if such funds had been collected under s. 316.0083.
 - (4) This section expires October 1, 2011.
 - Section 6. Section 316.0776, Florida Statutes, is created

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316.0776 Traffic infraction detectors; placement and installation.—Placement and installation of traffic infraction detectors is allowed on the State Highway System, county roads, and city streets pursuant to specifications developed by the Department of Transportation, so long as the safety and operation of the road facility is not impaired.

Section 7. Section 316.1967, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.1967 Liability for payment of parking ticket violations and other parking violations.—

(1) The owner of a vehicle is responsible and liable for payment of any parking ticket violation unless the owner can furnish evidence, when required by this subsection, that the vehicle was, at the time of the parking violation, in the care, custody, or control of another person. In such instances, the owner of the vehicle is required, within a reasonable time after notification of the parking violation, to furnish to the appropriate law enforcement authorities an affidavit setting forth the name, address, and driver's license number of the person who leased, rented, or otherwise had the care, custody, or control of the vehicle. The affidavit submitted under this subsection is admissible in a proceeding charging a parking ticket violation and raises the rebuttable presumption that the person identified in the affidavit is responsible for payment of the parking ticket violation. The owner of a vehicle is not responsible for a parking ticket violation if the vehicle involved was, at the time, stolen or in the care, custody, or control of some person who did not have permission of the owner

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to use the vehicle. The owner of a leased vehicle is not responsible for a parking ticket violation and is not required to submit an affidavit or the other evidence specified in this section, if the vehicle is registered in the name of the person who leased the vehicle.

- (2) Any person who is issued a county or municipal parking ticket by a parking enforcement specialist or officer is deemed to be charged with a noncriminal violation and shall comply with the directions on the ticket. If payment is not received or a response to the ticket is not made within the time period specified thereon, the county court or its traffic violations bureau shall notify the registered owner of the vehicle that was cited, or the registered lessee when the cited vehicle is registered in the name of the person who leased the vehicle, by mail to the address given on the motor vehicle registration, of the ticket. Mailing the notice to this address constitutes notification. Upon notification, the registered owner or registered lessee shall comply with the court's directive.
- (3) Any person who fails to satisfy the court's directive waives his or her right to pay the applicable civil penalty.
- (4) Any person who elects to appear before a designated official to present evidence waives his or her right to pay the civil penalty provisions of the ticket. The official, after a hearing, shall make a determination as to whether a parking violation has been committed and may impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$100 or the fine amount designated by county ordinance, plus court costs. Any person who fails to pay the civil penalty within the time allowed by the court is deemed to have been convicted of a parking ticket violation, and the court

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shall take appropriate measures to enforce collection of the fine.

- (5) Any provision of subsections (2), (3), and (4) to the contrary notwithstanding, chapter 318 does not apply to violations of county parking ordinances and municipal parking ordinances.
- (6) Any county or municipality may provide by ordinance that the clerk of the court or the traffic violations bureau shall supply the department with a magnetically encoded computer tape reel or cartridge or send by other electronic means data which is machine readable by the installed computer system at the department, listing persons who have three or more outstanding parking violations, including violations of s. 316.1955, or who have one or more outstanding tickets for a violation of a traffic control signal steady red light indication issued pursuant to an ordinance adopted under s. 316.0083. Each county shall provide by ordinance that the clerk of the court or the traffic violations bureau shall supply the department with a magnetically encoded computer tape reel or cartridge or send by other electronic means data that is machine readable by the installed computer system at the department, listing persons who have any outstanding violations of s. 316.1955 or any similar local ordinance that regulates parking in spaces designated for use by persons who have disabilities. The department shall mark the appropriate registration records of persons who are so reported. Section 320.03(8) applies to each person whose name appears on the list.

Section 8. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 395.4036, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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395.4036 Trauma payments.-

- (1) Recognizing the Legislature's stated intent to provide financial support to the current verified trauma centers and to provide incentives for the establishment of additional trauma centers as part of a system of state-sponsored trauma centers, the department shall <u>use utilize</u> funds collected under <u>ss.</u> 316.0083 and s. 318.18 and deposited into the Administrative Trust Fund of the department to ensure the availability and accessibility of trauma <u>and emergency</u> services throughout the state as provided in this subsection.
- (a) Funds collected under <u>ss. 316.0083 and s.</u> 318.18(15) shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Eighteen percent of the total funds collected under s. 316.0083 and 20 Twenty percent of the total funds collected under s. 318.18(15) during the state fiscal year shall be distributed to verified trauma centers that have a local funding contribution as of December 31. Distribution of funds under this subparagraph shall be based on trauma caseload volume for the most recent calendar year available.
- 2. Thirty-eight percent of the total funds collected under s. 316.0083 and 40 Forty percent of the total funds collected under s. 318.18(15) shall be distributed to verified trauma centers based on trauma caseload volume for the most recent calendar year available. The determination of caseload volume for distribution of funds under this subparagraph shall be based on the department's Trauma Registry data.
- 3. Thirty-eight percent of the total funds collected under s. 316.0083 and 40 Forty percent of the total funds collected under s. 318.18(15) shall be distributed to verified trauma

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centers based on severity of trauma patients for the most recent calendar year available. The determination of severity for distribution of funds under this subparagraph shall be based on the department's International Classification Injury Severity Scores or another statistically valid and scientifically accepted method of stratifying a trauma patient's severity of injury, risk of mortality, and resource consumption as adopted by the department by rule, weighted based on the costs associated with and incurred by the trauma center in treating trauma patients. The weighting of scores shall be established by the department by rule.

- 4. Three percent of the total funds collected under s.
 316.0083 shall be distributed to public hospitals that qualify
 for distributions under s. 409.911(4), that are not verified
 trauma centers but are located in trauma service areas, as
 defined under s. 395.402, and that do not have a verified trauma
 center based on their proportionate number of emergency room
 visits on an annual basis. The Agency for Health Care
 Administration shall provide the department with a list of
 public hospitals and emergency room visits.
- 5. Three percent of the total funds collected under s.
 316.0083 shall be distributed equally to crisis stabilization
 units, rural health initiatives, and community-based support
 programs that provide supports and services for individuals who have sustained a traumatic brain injury.
- (b) Funds collected under s. 318.18(5)(c) and $\underline{(20)}(19)$ shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Thirty percent of the total funds collected shall be distributed to Level II trauma centers operated by a public

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hospital governed by an elected board of directors as of December 31, 2008.

- 2. Thirty-five percent of the total funds collected shall be distributed to verified trauma centers based on trauma caseload volume for the most recent calendar year available. The determination of caseload volume for distribution of funds under this subparagraph shall be based on the department's Trauma Registry data.
- 3. Thirty-five percent of the total funds collected shall be distributed to verified trauma centers based on severity of trauma patients for the most recent calendar year available. The determination of severity for distribution of funds under this subparagraph shall be based on the department's International Classification Injury Severity Scores or another statistically valid and scientifically accepted method of stratifying a trauma patient's severity of injury, risk of mortality, and resource consumption as adopted by the department by rule, weighted based on the costs associated with and incurred by the trauma center in treating trauma patients. The weighting of scores shall be established by the department by rule.
- (2) Funds deposited in the department's Administrative Trust Fund for verified trauma centers may be used to maximize the receipt of federal funds that may be available for such trauma centers and nontrauma center public hospitals.

 Notwithstanding this section and s. 318.14, distributions to trauma centers may be adjusted in a manner to ensure that total payments to trauma centers represent the same proportional allocation as set forth in this section and s. 318.14. For purposes of this section and s. 318.14, total funds distributed

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to trauma centers may include revenue from the Administrative Trust Fund and federal funds for which revenue from the Administrative Trust Fund is used to meet state or local matching requirements. Funds collected under ss. 318.14, 316.0083, and 318.18 and deposited in the Administrative Trust Fund of the department shall be distributed to trauma centers and nontrauma center public hospitals on a quarterly basis using the most recent calendar year data available. Such data shall not be used for more than four quarterly distributions unless there are extenuating circumstances as determined by the department, in which case the most recent calendar year data available shall continue to be used and appropriate adjustments shall be made as soon as the more recent data becomes available.

Section 9. This act recognizes and ratifies any enforcement action taken by a county or municipality using a traffic infraction detector that was installed before the effective date of this act.

Section 10. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

Section 11. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.