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2026 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Transportation

CS/HB 33 — Transportation Facility Designations

by Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee and Reps. Porras, Weinberger, and others (SB 174 by Senator Rodriguez)

The bill establishes the following honorary designations for transportation facilities and directs the Florida Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers:

- That portion of S.R. 985/S.W. 107th Avenue between S.W. 24th Street and S.R. 90/S.W. 8th Street in Miami Dade County as “Charlie Kirk Memorial Avenue”; and
- That portion of S.R. 870/Commercial Boulevard between Tradewinds Avenue and the eastern terminus of Commercial Boulevard in Broward County as “President Donald J. Trump Boulevard.”

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 27-10; House 82-30

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CS/HB 35 — Habitual Traffic Offender Designation

by Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Barnaby (SB 1370 by Senator Martin)

The bill amends the definition of “habitual traffic offender” to add the offense of driving a motor vehicle without a valid license to the list of offenses for which a specified number of convictions within a five-year period requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to designate a person as a habitual traffic offender. Generally, once a person is designated as a habitual traffic offender, he or she can be prosecuted for a third-degree felony for subsequently driving a motor vehicle.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 99-15

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CS/SB 246 — Specialty License Plates

by Fiscal Policy Committee and Senators Gruters and Rodriguez

The bill authorizes the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to create the following new specialty license plates:

- Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC);
- Miami Northwestern Alumni Association;
- Christopher Columbus High School;
- United States Naval Academy;
- United States Military Academy;
- Miami Dade College;
- Florida Film Legacy; and
- St. Petersburg College.

The bill creates a new Endless Summer specialty license plate for motorcycles, and provides for sales of both the motor vehicle and motorcycle plate to count towards meeting the minimum license plate sales threshold.

The bill requires when a specialty license plate is approved by law that an organization must submit a five-year financial projection that must include revenues and expenditures, administrative expenses, and third-party recipients to DHSMV. If not received within 60 days of creation, the plate is deauthorized. DHSMV is required to annually submit a summary of the financial projections that it receives from newly approved specialty license plate organizations to the Governor and the Legislature. The bill also requires fees or interest earned from a specialty license plate be collected by and distributed only to certain nonprofits.

The bill also repeals the restriction on who may be issued the Fraternal Order of Police specialty license plate which will expand the eligibility for the purchase of the specialty plate. The bill redirects the funds associated with the sale of the plate to the Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Memorial Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization, and repeals restrictions on the use of the proceeds of the plate.

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Vote: Senate 37-0; House 109-0

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CS/SB 382 — Micromobility Device

by Transportation Committee and Senators Truenow, Leek, and Yarborough

The bill provides that a person operating an electric bicycle on certain shared pathways must yield to pedestrians and give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian. It also provides that a person operating an electric bicycle on a sidewalk or other area designated for pedestrians may not operate the electric bicycle at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour if a pedestrian is within 50 feet of the electric bicycle. Failure to comply with these provisions is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punished as a nonmoving violation.

The bill creates the Micromobility Device Safety Task Force, adjunct to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV), and provides the task force must submit a report by October 1, 2026 to the Legislature and Governor that recommends improvements to state law and the regulatory framework governing micromobility devices. Additionally, the bill creates a micromobility crash data collection and reporting process for incidents through September 20, 2026 that requires law enforcement agencies to collect and submit specified information related to crashes involving micromobility devices to DHSMV, from which DHSMV is required to create a summary report due to the Legislature and the Governor by October 31, 2026.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect upon becoming law, except as otherwise expressly provided in this act.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 112-0

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CS/CS/SB 422 — Automatic Dependent Surveillance-broadcasts

by Commerce and Tourism Committee; Transportation Committee; and Senator Wright

The bill prohibits an airport from using information derived from automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast systems emitted from certain aircraft as a means of calculating, generating, and collecting fees from aircraft owners or operators if:

- The operation for which a fee would be assessed is a departure or a landing, including, but not limited to, touch-and-go landings.
- The fee would be assessed based on an aircraft entering into the airspace of the airport where the fee is assessed.

These prohibitions are limited to aircraft with a gross weight of 12,499 pounds or less operating under the Federal Aviation Administration's general operating and flight rules.

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Vote: Senate 36-2; House 108-2

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SB 488 — Transportation

by Senator Massullo

The bill addresses various transportation-related provisions, including commercial vehicle fuel tax requirements, motor vehicle registration, motor vehicle manufacturer licensing, and the permitting of certain communications facilities within the right-of-way. Specifically, the bill:

- Related to motor fuel taxation:
 - Revises the short title of s. 207.001, F.S., to the “Florida Motor Fuel Use Tax Act.”
 - Specifies the requirements for calculating and reporting the motor fuel use tax and updates other definitions and requirements under the Florida Motor Fuel Use Tax Act.
 - Creates penalties for counterfeiting or illegally altering fuel tax licenses and the related permits.
 - Amends the required procedures for due dates, electronic submissions, and methods of communications related to motor carriers and fuel taxes.
 - Revises penalties and interest calculations for delinquent tax payments and revises the provisions related to the inspection and discontinuation of business operations for motor carriers.
 - Provides penalties for specific offenses related to the misuse of motor fuel tax related documents and establishes detailed requirements for recordkeeping by motor carriers.
- Increases the amount of estimated damage resulting from a crash that is required to be reported to law enforcement from \$500 to \$2,000.
- Amends requirements related to the application process for motor vehicle registrations.
- Expands the types of transactions and circumstances in which the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may use email in lieu of the United States Postal Service to communicate with customers.
- Updates the definition of a “tank vehicle” to place Florida in compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.
- Clarifies the existing prohibition on covering or obscuring a motor vehicle license plate and specifies that a license plate frame or decorative border around the license plate is not prohibited provided that such frame or border does not obscure the visibility of the license plate number and validation sticker.
- Provides that a disabled veteran may retain the unique alphanumeric designation assigned to the “DV” license plate upon reissuance, renewal, or transfer of the license plate. Tax collectors are authorized to issue disabled veteran license plates immediately on demand to qualified applicants. Eligible applicants may choose either a wheelchair symbol license plate or a “DV” designation license plate in lieu of a disabled parking permit.
- Prohibits a licensed motor vehicle manufacturer, distributor, importer or factory branch (licensee) that sells 1,000 or more vehicles of a particular line-make to motor vehicle dealers within the state during any 12-month period from selling more than 33.33 percent of such vehicles to any single dealer or group of dealers with common ownership or control. However, the bill exempts any licensee that had a franchised dealer in the state as of January 1, 2026, or if they are not otherwise prohibited from owning or operating their own dealership.

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- Addresses the use of right-of-way by communications service providers to place or relocate communications facilities, and limits the power of local authorities to impose conditions on permits for such use of the right-of-way.

The bill is linked to SB 490, which creates public record exemptions for email addresses collected by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and utilized as a method of notification for various notices and orders issued by the department.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on October 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 108-1

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SB 490 — Public Records/E-mail Addresses Collected by the Department of Highway Safety for Providing Renewal Notices

by Senator Massullo

This bill is linked to SB 488, relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV). SB 488 expands the circumstances in which e-mail may be used in lieu of the United States Postal Service by authorizing e-mail to be used as a method of notification for various notices and orders issued by the DHSMV in addition to renewal notices, including, but not limited to, notices related to driver licenses, identification cards, motor vehicle registrations, vessel registrations, and orders to revoke, cancel, or suspend driver licenses. This bill correspondingly expands the public records exemption for email addresses collected by the DHSMV to include email addresses to be used as a method of general notification to customers. The bill also creates a public record exemption for email addresses collected by the DHSMV and used for purposes of renewal notices for vessel titles and liens.

A public necessity statement is included in the bill as required by the Florida Constitution.

The bill is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and the exemptions will all be repealed on October 2, 2031, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on the same date that SB 488 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in this legislative session and becomes a law.

Vote: Senate 36-2; House 110-0

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SB 584 — Commercial Driving Schools

by Senators Avila and Yarborough

The bill authorizes the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to enter into interagency agreements with county tax collectors to authorize the county tax collector to enforce statutory provisions related to commercial driving schools. The agreement may authorize the county tax collector, or his or her agent, to do any of the following:

- Prohibit licensees operating commercial driving schools, and their agents, from entering upon the tax collector's premises, including parking areas, unless the licensee or agent is seeking tax collector services in their personal capacity.
- Prohibit conduct by licensees operating commercial driving schools, and their agents, which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person, the DHSMV, or the county tax collector.
- Prohibit any transaction, practice, or course of business related to a commercial driving school which undermines the integrity of the driver license issuance process.
- Require persons licensed to operate commercial driving schools, and their agents, to present certain documents upon the demand of a law enforcement officer, an employee of the DHSMV, or an employee of the county tax collector.
- Enter the premises of a commercial driving school to ensure compliance with state and local laws regulating commercial driving schools.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 109-3

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SB 628 — Transportation Facility Designations/Warrior Sacrifice Way
by Senator Gaetz

The bill establishes honorary designations for the following transportation facilities and directs the Florida Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers:

- Warrior Sacrifice Way in Escambia County;
- State Representative/Circuit Judge Hon. John J. Crews, Jr., Memorial Highway in Baker County;
- Dickey Betts Memorial Highway in Sarasota County;
- Phil Smith Memorial Highway in Broward County;
- Mayor Larry A. Dale Memorial Highway in Seminole County;
- Terry L. Fields Memorial Access in Duval County;
- Terry Stiles Memorial Boulevard in Broward County;
- Rick Case Memorial Highway in Broward County;
- Charles Dascal Way in Miami-Dade County;
- Lowell Lohman Road in Volusia County;
- George Mirabal Road in Volusia County;
- Estenna K. Wells Memorial Highway in Walton County;
- Superintendent Pledger V. Sullivan Memorial Highway in Okaloosa County;
- President John Thrasher Memorial Boulevard in Leon County;
- Bobby Bowden-Tallahassee International Airport in Leon County.

The bill extends the existing designation of a portion of S.R. 80 in Palm Beach County as “President Donald J. Trump Highway.” The extended designation is from S.R. A1A in Palm Beach County, west through Hendry County, to U.S. 41 in Lee County.

The bill also revises an existing honorary designation of “Senator N. Ray Carroll Memorial Interchange” in Osceola County to reflect recent Turnpike construction.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 31-4; House 81-22

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CS/CS/HB 919 — Commercial Service Airports

by Commerce Committee; Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; and Reps. Weinberger, Kendall, and others (CS/CS/SB 706 by Rules Committee; Transportation Committee; and Senators Mayfield, Gruters, Massullo, Avila, and Pizzo)

The bill preempts to the state the naming of major commercial service airports. The bill defines the term “major commercial service airports” to mean airports classified by the Federal Aviation Administration as large or medium hub airports.

The bill codifies the names of Florida’s seven major commercial service airports. The only airport’s name changed from its current name is the “Palm Beach International Airport,” which the bill renames as the “President Donald J. Trump International Airport.” This name change is subject to approval by the Federal Aviation Administration and the execution of an agreement with the rights holders authorizing the use of the name “President Donald J. Trump International Airport” at no cost to Palm Beach County.

The bill provides that each airport’s listed name remains valid if the airport no longer meets the criteria for a major commercial service airport. The bill also requires the Florida Department of Transportation to annually review the list of major commercial service airports and notify the Legislature of any airport’s change in status.

The bill requires government records created on or after July 1, 2026, referring to a major commercial service airport to use the name listed in the bill. The bill provides that an airport’s name is a branding designation and that a name change does not require the creation of a new legal entity or a change to any existing documents. A political subdivision is in compliance with any name change if it diligently pursues all needed approvals and, upon receiving such approvals, timely commences making such changes.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 25-11; House 81-30

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CS/HB 961 — Salvage Certificates of Title and Certificates of Destruction
by Government Operations Subcommittee and Rep. Albert and others (CS/SB 684 by Rules
Committee and Senator McClain)

The bill revises a requirement that electronic signatures on odometer disclosures by insurance companies related to salvage certificates of title or certificates of destruction for motor vehicles meet specific authentication standards. Instead of meeting the digital identity standards under the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Digital Identity Guidelines, the bill requires insurance companies implement secure control processes and procedures for electronic signatures acceptable to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-0

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CS/CS/CS/HB 1093 — Vertiports

by Transportation & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; and Reps. Spencer, Alvarez, J., and others (CS/CS/SB 1362 by Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Transportation Committee; and Senator Harrell)

The bill provides that vertiports, which are areas used to support the takeoff and landing of powered-lift aircraft, and charging systems are considered qualifying projects as it relates to public-private partnerships. The bill incorporates vertiport-related infrastructure into the definition of airport infrastructure for purposes of commercial service airport infrastructure programs.

The bill also authorizes the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to fund projects at public vertiports. If federal funds are not available, the FDOT may fund up to 100 percent of project costs. If federal funds are available, the FDOT may fund up to 80 percent of the nonfederal share of such project costs.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 110-0

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CS/SB 7012 — OGSR/Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Transportation Committee

The bill saves from repeal the public record exemptions for information held by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) as a result of an investigation or examination of:

- Suspected violations of ch. 319, F.S., relating to motor vehicle titles;
- Suspected violations of ch. 320, F.S., relating to motor vehicle registrations and motor vehicle dealer and manufacturer licensing;
- Suspected violations of ch. 322, F.S., relating to driver licenses and identification cards; and
- Suspected violations of s. 319.1414, F.S., by private rebuilt inspection providers.

The bill saves these exemptions from repeal by deleting the scheduled repeal date of October 2, 2026 set pursuant to the Open Government Sunset Review Act.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 33-2; House 107-0