THE FLORIDA SENATE 2025 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Transportation

CS/CS/CS/HB 351 — Dangerous Excessive Speeding

by State Affairs Committee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Government Operations Subcommittee; and Reps. Plasencia, Alvarez, D., and others (CS/SB 1782 by Transportation Committee and Senator Pizzo)

The bill creates a criminal offense for "dangerous excessive speeding" if a motor vehicle driver exceeds the speed limit by 50 miles per hour (mph) or more, or operates a motor vehicle at 100 mph or more in a manner that threatens the safety of other persons or property or interferes with the operation of any vehicle.

The bill provides that a person who commits dangerous excessive speeding is punished as follows:

- Upon a first conviction, up to 30 days in jail, a fine of \$500, or both.
- Upon a second or subsequent conviction, up to 90 days in jail, a fine of \$1,000, or both. A person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of dangerous excessive speeding within five years after the date of a prior conviction for such an offense must have his or her driving privilege revoked for at least 180 days but no more than one year.

The bill provides that any driver who commits an infraction for exceeding the speed limit in excess of 50 mph must appear before a designated official at a mandatory hearing.

The bill authorizes, rather than requires, an officer to indicate the applicable civil penalty on a traffic citation for infractions related to exceeding the speed limit by 30 mph or more, or 50 mph or more.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 75-38

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