

By Representative Merchant

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Department of State;  
3           transferring the Department of Highway Safety  
4           and Motor Vehicles to the Department of State;  
5           amending s. 20.10, F.S.; providing for  
6           additional divisions in the Department of  
7           State; repealing s. 20.24, F.S., relating to  
8           the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
9           Vehicles; amending ss. 316.003 and 318.13,  
10          F.S.; conforming to the act; directing the  
11          Division of Statutory Revision to make  
12          appropriate changes to the statutes; providing  
13          an effective date.

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

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17           Section 1. All of the existing legal authorities and  
18 actions of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
19 Vehicles, including the Florida Highway Patrol, are hereby  
20 transferred by a type one transfer as described in section  
21 20.06, Florida Statutes, to the Department of State,  
22 including, but not limited to, all pending and completed  
23 action on orders and rules, all enforcement matters, and all  
24 delegations, interagency agreements, and contracts with  
25 federal, state, regional, and local governments, and private  
26 entities. Personnel, property, and unexpended balances of  
27 appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the Department  
28 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles are hereby transferred to  
29 the Department of State.

30           Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 20.10, Florida  
31 Statutes, is amended to read:

1           20.10 Department of State.--There is created a  
2 Department of State.

3           (2) The following divisions of the Department of State  
4 are established:

5           (a) Division of Elections.

6           (b) Division of Historical Resources.

7           (c) Division of Corporations.

8           (d) Division of Library and Information Services.

9           (e) Division of Licensing.

10          (f) Division of Cultural Affairs.

11          (g) Division of Administration.

12          (h) Division of Driver Licenses.

13          (i) Division of Motor Vehicles.

14          (j) Division of the Florida Highway Patrol.

15          Section 3. Section 20.24, Florida Statutes, is hereby  
16 repealed.

17          Section 4. Subsection (8) of section 316.003, Florida  
18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19           316.003 Definitions.--The following words and phrases,  
20 when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings  
21 respectively ascribed to them in this section, except where  
22 the context otherwise requires:

23           (8) DEPARTMENT.--The Department of State Highway  
24 ~~Safety and Motor Vehicles~~ as defined in s. 20.10 ~~20.24~~. Any  
25 reference herein to Department of Transportation shall be  
26 construed as referring to the Department of Transportation,  
27 defined in s. 20.23, or the appropriate division thereof.

28          Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 318.13, Florida  
29 Statutes, is amended to read:

30           318.13 Definitions.--The following words and phrases,  
31 when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings

1 respectively ascribed to them in this section, except where  
2 the context otherwise requires:

3 (1) "Department" means Department of State Highway  
4 ~~Safety and Motor Vehicles~~, defined in s. 20.10 ~~20.24~~, or the  
5 appropriate division thereof.

6 Section 6. The Division of Statutory Revision of the  
7 Joint Legislative Management Committee, in editing manuscript  
8 for the next official version of the Florida Statutes, is  
9 directed to replace the term "Department of Highway Safety and  
10 Motor Vehicles" wherever that term appears in the statutes  
11 with the term "Department of State."

12 Section 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
13 law.

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15 HOUSE SUMMARY

16 Transfers the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
17 Vehicles to the Department of State. See bill for  
18 details.  
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