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By the Committee on Transportation and Representatives Ogles, Fasano, Merchant and Heyman

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to motor vehicle registration;
3	amending s. 320.02, F.S.; providing that the
4	form for motor vehicle registration and renewal
5	must include language permitting a voluntary
6	contribution to the Florida Mothers Against
7	Drunk Driving, Inc.; providing for the
8	distribution of such contributions; providing
9	for an annual audit; providing for the
10	discontinuance of distributions of funds for
11	noncompliance with auditing requirements;
12	authorizing the Auditor General to examine the
13	distribution and collection of funds; creating
14	s. 320.023, F.S.; revising language with
15	respect to requirements for requests to
16	establish voluntary contributions; providing
17	criteria for the discontinuance of the issuance
18	of an approved voluntary contribution;
19	requiring an annual audit or report; providing
20	criteria for discontinuing a voluntary
21	contribution; providing an effective date.
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23	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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25	Section 1. Subsections (17), (18), (19), and (20) are
26	added to section 320.02, Florida Statutes, to read:
27	320.02 Registration required; application for
28	registration; forms
29	(17) The application form for motor vehicle
30	registration and renewal of registration must include language
31	permitting a voluntary contribution to the Florida Mothers
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Against Drunk Driving, Inc., which contribution must be 1 2 transferred by the department to the Florida Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Inc., on a monthly basis. 3 4 (18) All organizational recipients of any voluntary 5 contributions in excess of \$15,000 authorized in this section, 6 not otherwise subject to annual audit by the Office of the 7 Auditor General, must submit an annual audit of the 8 expenditures of voluntary contributions and interest earned from these moneys, to determine if expenditures are being made 9 in accordance with any specifications outlined by law. The 10 audit must be prepared by a certified public accountant 11 12 licensed under chapter 473 at that organizational recipient's 13 expense. The audits must be delivered to the department no 14 later than December 31 of the calendar year in which the audit was performed. Any voluntary contributions authorized by this 15 16 section shall only be distributed to an organization pursuant 17 to an appropriation by the Legislature. (19) By February 1 of each year, the department shall 18 19 determine which recipients of voluntary contributions have not 20 complied with subsection (18). If the department determines that an organization has not complied with subjection (18) or 21 has failed to use the revenues in accordance with any 22 specifications outlined by law, the department may discontinue 23 the distribution of the contributions to the organization 24 25 until the department determines that the organization is 26 complying with those provisions. 27 (20) The Auditor General has the authority to examine 28 all records pertaining to the use of funds collected and distributed pursuant to the provisions of this section. 29 Section 2. Section 320.023, Florida Statutes, is 30 created to read: 31

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1	320.023 Requests to establish voluntary check off on
2	motor vehicle registration or driver's license renewal
3	(1) An organization that seeks authorization to
4	establish a voluntary contribution on a motor vehicle
5	registration or driver's license renewal must submit to the
6	department:
7	(a) A request for the particular voluntary
8	contribution being sought, describing the proposed voluntary
9	contribution in general terms.
10	(b) An application fee, not to exceed \$10,000 to
11	defray the department's cost for reviewing the application and
12	developing the voluntary contribution checkoff, if authorized.
13	State funds may not be used to pay the application fee.
14	(c) A marketing strategy outlining short-term and
15	long-term marketing plans for the requested voluntary
16	contribution and a financial analysis outlining the
17	anticipated revenues and the planned expenditures of the
18	revenues to be derived from the voluntary contribution.
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20	The information required under this subsection must be
21	submitted to the department at least 90 days before the
22	convening of the next regular session of the Legislature.
23	(2) If the voluntary contribution is not approved by
24	the Legislature, the application fee must be refunded to the
25	requesting organization.
26	(3) The department must include any voluntary
27	contributions approved by the Legislature on the driver's
28	license or motor vehicle registration form when the form is
29	reprinted by the agency.
30	(4)(a) The department must discontinue the voluntary
31	contribution if:
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1 1. Less than \$25,000 has been contributed by the end 2 of the 5th year. 3 2. Less than \$25,000 is contributed during any 4 subsequent 5-year period. 5 (b) The department is authorized to discontinue the б voluntary contribution and distribution of associated proceeds 7 if the organization no longer exists, if the organization has 8 stopped providing services that are authorized to be funded from the voluntary contributions, or pursuant to an 9 organizational recipient's request. 10 (5) A voluntary contribution collected and distributed 11 12 under this chapter, or any interest earned from those 13 contributions, may not be used for commercial or for-profit 14 activities nor for general or administrative expenses, except 15 as authorized by law, or to pay the cost of the audit or 16 report required by law. (a) All organizations that receive annual use fee 17 proceeds from the department are responsible for ensuring that 18 19 proceeds are used in accordance with law. 20 (b) All organizational recipients of any voluntary contributions in excess of \$15,000, not otherwise subject to 21 annual audit by the Office of the Auditor General, shall 22 23 submit an annual audit of the expenditures of these 24 contributions and interest earned from these contributions, to determine if expenditures are being made in accordance with 25 26 the specifications outlined by law. The audit shall be prepared by a certified public accountant licensed under 27 28 chapter 473 at that organizational recipient's expense. The notes to the financial statements should state whether 29 expenditures were made in accordance with law. Such audits 30 31

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must be delivered to the department no later than December 31 1 2 of the calendar year in which the audit was performed. 3 (c) In lieu of an annual audit, any organization 4 receiving less than \$15,000 in voluntary contributions 5 directly from the department may annually report, under 6 penalties of perjury, that such proceeds were used in 7 compliance with law. The attestation shall be made annually in 8 a form and format determined by the department. 9 (d) Any voluntary contributions authorized by law shall only be distributed to an organization under an 10 11 appropriation by the Legislature. 12 (6) By February 1 each year, the department shall 13 determine which recipients have not complied with subsection 14 (5). If the department determines that an organization has not complied or has failed to use the revenues in accordance 15 16 with law, the department must discontinue the distribution of the revenues to the organization until the department 17 determines that the organization has complied. If an 18 19 organization fails to comply within 12 months after the 20 voluntary contributions are withheld by the department, the proceeds shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating 21 22 Trust Fund to offset department costs. 23 (7) The Auditor General and the department have the 24 authority to examine all records pertaining to the use of 25 funds from the voluntary contributions authorized. Section 3. This act shall take effect on July 1 of the 26 27 year in which enacted. 28 29 30 31

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