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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to uniform traffic citations; requiring that the Department of Highway Safety 3 4 and Motor Vehicles revise the uniform traffic citation; requiring a law enforcement officer 5 to indicate on the citation if a traffic 6 7 violation or traffic accident was caused by aggressive driving; defining the term 8 9 "aggressive driving" for purposes of the act; 10 requiring the department to report to the Legislature on the number of recorded incidents 11 12 of aggressive driving in the state during a specified period; providing an effective date. 13 14 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 16 17 Section 1. (1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall revise the form of the uniform traffic 18 19 citation so that the form remains consistent with the Florida Traffic Court rules but includes a box that shall be checked 20 21 by a law enforcement officer when the officer believes that a 22 traffic violation or traffic accident for which the officer issues a citation was caused by aggressive driving. As used in 23 this section, the term "aggressive driving" means: 24 25 (a) Exceeding the lawful or posted speed by more than 26 15 miles per hour. 27 (b) Unsafely or improperly changing lanes, as defined 28 in section 316.085, Florida Statutes. 29 (c) Following another vehicle too closely, as defined 30 in section 316.0895, Florida Statutes.

1	(d) Failing to yield the right-of-way, as defined in
2	section 316.079, section 316.0815, or section 316.123, Florida
3	Statutes.
4	(e) Improperly passing, as defined in section 316.083
5	or section 316.085, Florida Statutes.
6	(f) Failing to obey a traffic-control device, as
7	defined in section 316.074 or section 316.075, Florida
8	Statutes.
9	(2) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor
10	Vehicles shall submit a report to the President of the Senate
11	and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1,
12	2002, which sets forth the number of incidents of aggressive
13	driving in this state during the preceding 6-month period.
14	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
15	law.
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18	SENATE SUMMARY
19	Requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to revise the form of the uniform traffic citation so that a law enforcement officer may indicate on the citation if a traffic violation or accident was caused by aggressive driving. Defines the traffic offenses that constitute "aggressive driving." Requires that the department report to the Legislature on February 1, 2002, the number of incidents of aggressive driving
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