

By the Committee on Transportation and Representative  
Russell

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to driver licensing; creating  
3           the Driver Licensing Study Commission within  
4           the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
5           Vehicles; providing for membership and  
6           appointment; providing for staff; providing for  
7           duties of the commission; providing for  
8           dissolution of the commission upon submission  
9           of a required report; providing an  
10          appropriation; providing an effective date.

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12           WHEREAS, outsourcing through public-private  
13          partnerships has been successfully implemented in the State of  
14          Florida across a broad range of functions, and

15           WHEREAS, the Legislature is constantly seeking to find  
16          additional ways to provide high-quality services at lower  
17          costs for the citizens of the State of Florida, and

18           WHEREAS, driver licensing shows promise as an area  
19          where public-private partnership would benefit the citizens of  
20          the State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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24           Section 1.   Driver Licensing Study Commission  
25          created.--

26           (1) The Driver Licensing Study Commission is created  
27          within the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
28          Vehicles. The commission shall consist of eight members, to  
29          be appointed as follows:

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1       (a) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
2 appoint two members, at least one of whom must have business  
3 managerial experience in the private sector.

4       (b) The President of the Senate shall appoint two  
5 members, at least one of whom must have business managerial  
6 experience in the private sector.

7       (c) The Governor shall appoint three members, at least  
8 one of whom must have information technology experience  
9 relating to systems utilizing complex databases.

10       (d) The Executive Director of the Department of  
11 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall serve as an ex  
12 officio, nonvoting member of the commission.

13       (2) The commission shall elect a chair and a vice  
14 chair from its membership at its first meeting.

15       (3) The commission shall be appointed no later than  
16 June 15, 2001, and its first meeting shall be held no later  
17 than July 15, 2001. The commission shall meet periodically at  
18 the request of the chair.

19       (3) Members of the commission shall serve without  
20 compensation, except for per diem and reimbursement for travel  
21 expenses as provided by s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

22       (4) A vacancy in the commission shall be filled within  
23 30 days after its occurrence in the same manner as the  
24 original appointment.

25       (5) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
26 Vehicles shall serve as primary staff to the commission,  
27 providing technical and administrative assistance and ensuring  
28 that commission meetings are electronically recorded. Such  
29 recordings shall be preserved pursuant to chs. 119 and 257,  
30 Florida Statutes.

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- 1       (6) The commission shall study and make  
2 recommendations on the feasibility of using privatization,  
3 outsourcing, and public-private partnership techniques in the  
4 delivery of driver's license services. The commission shall  
5 review local government driver's licensing programs and shall  
6 review results available from driver's licensing privatization  
7 pilot projects in the state. The study shall address the  
8 following issues:
- 9       (a) Identification of functions that are appropriate  
10 for privatization or outsourcing and functions for which the  
11 public sector should maintain direct control.
- 12       (b) Technology and re-engineering of business  
13 processes to achieve greater efficiencies, ultimately  
14 resulting in cost reduction.
- 15       (c) The format and type of necessary procurement  
16 procedures and oversight and audit mechanisms to protect the  
17 interests of the State of Florida in dealings with private  
18 service providers.
- 19       (d) Contractual controls to ensure appropriate service  
20 delivery and customer satisfaction levels.
- 21       (e) Safeguards for control of personal information.
- 22       (f) Ways to encourage the use of alternative service  
23 delivery options.
- 24       (g) Service center size and location to ensure that  
25 the public is best served.
- 26       (h) Issues related to utilization and placement of  
27 current public driver's license employees in public-private  
28 licensing enterprises.
- 29       (i) Any other issues the commission deems relevant to  
30 the privatization of drivers licensing functions.  
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1       (7) The commission shall prepare an initial report of  
2 its findings and recommendations on the issues listed in  
3 subsection (6) and shall submit the report to the Governor,  
4 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President  
5 of the Senate on or before January 1, 2002. The commission  
6 shall prepare a final report of its findings and  
7 recommendations, taking into consideration the results of any  
8 pilot projects for delivery of driver's license services, and  
9 shall submit the report to the Governor, the Speaker of the  
10 House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate on  
11 or before January 1, 2003. The commission is dissolved at the  
12 time it submits its final report.

13             Section 2. There is appropriated from the Highway  
14 Safety Operating Trust Fund to the Driver Licensing Study  
15 Commission the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of conducting  
16 the study described in section 1.

17             Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
18 law.

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21   HOUSE SUMMARY

22             Creates the Driver Licensing Study Commission within the  
23 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to study  
24 and make recommendations on the feasibility of using  
25 privatization, outsourcing, and public-private  
26 partnership techniques in the delivery of driver's  
27 license services. See bill for details.  
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