

By Representative Gardiner

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to motor vehicles and vessels;
3 amending s. 316.003, F.S.; providing that
4 certain vehicles of the Department of Health
5 are authorized emergency vehicles; amending s.
6 316.006, F.S.; authorizing the installation of
7 multiparty stop signs on certain roads;
8 providing guidelines for the installation of
9 such signage; amending s. 316.061, F.S.;
10 authorizing certain entities to remove crashed
11 motor vehicles from roadways under certain
12 circumstances; providing a limitation of
13 liability; amending s. 316.1975, F.S.;
14 exempting operators of solid waste and
15 recovered materials vehicles from provisions
16 regarding unattended motor vehicles under
17 certain circumstances; creating s. 316.2127,
18 F.S.; providing for operation of utility
19 vehicles on city streets, county roads, or the
20 State Highway System under certain
21 circumstances; amending s. 316.2397, F.S.;
22 authorizing emergency response vehicles of the
23 Department of Health to use red flashing
24 lights; amending s. 316.640, F.S.; revising
25 traffic law enforcement authority of university
26 police officers; revising the powers and duties
27 of traffic crash investigation officers;
28 amending s. 318.18, F.S.; providing for
29 assessment of doubled fines for speeding in
30 toll collection zones; amending s. 319.23,
31 F.S.; deleting certain requirements for the

1 transfer of ownership of an antique vehicle;
2 amending s. 319.28, F.S.; revising requirements
3 for processing an application for title based
4 on a contractual default; amending s. 320.025,
5 F.S.; providing for confidential registration
6 and issuance under fictitious name of decals
7 for vessels operated by a law enforcement
8 agency; requiring registration number and decal
9 to be affixed to such vessel; amending s.
10 320.05, F.S.; providing for release of vessel
11 registration information; providing exceptions;
12 amending s. 320.055, F.S.; providing
13 registration period for certain nonapportioned
14 vehicles; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; revising
15 form of license plate validation stickers;
16 reducing the number of required validation
17 stickers per plate; amending s. 320.072, F.S.;
18 revising initial registration fee exemptions;
19 amending s. 320.0805, F.S.; reducing the
20 timeframe for a personalized license plate to
21 remain out of circulation prior to
22 reassignment; amending s. 320.083, F.S.;
23 revising requirements for the Amateur Radio
24 Operator specialty license plate; amending s.
25 320.089, F.S.; revising weight restriction for
26 the Ex-POW and Purple Heart license plates;
27 amending s. 322.25, F.S.; correcting a cross
28 reference; amending s. 322.27, F.S.; revising
29 language relating to habitual traffic offender
30 license revocation; amending s. 322.271, F.S.;
31 correcting a cross reference; amending s.

1 322.28, F.S.; deleting obsolete language
2 relating to revocation of a driver's license;
3 repealing s. 322.282, F.S., relating to
4 procedure when court revokes or suspends
5 license or driving privilege and orders
6 reinstatement, and s. 322.331, F.S., relating
7 to restoration of license for habitual traffic
8 offenders; amending s. 324.091, F.S.; providing
9 for electronic access to vehicle insurer
10 information; prohibiting compilation and
11 retention of such information; amending s.
12 328.01, F.S.; deleting the requirement that a
13 copy of a contract upon which a claim of
14 ownership of a vessel is made be submitted if
15 an application for transfer of title is based
16 on a contractual default; amending s. 328.42,
17 F.S.; authorizing the department to deny or
18 cancel a vessel registration, license plate, or
19 fuel-use tax decal when given a dishonored
20 check by the customer; amending s. 328.56,
21 F.S.; revising language relating to display of
22 vessel registration number; amending s. 328.72,
23 F.S.; deleting certain requirements for the
24 transfer of ownership of an antique vessel;
25 amending s. 832.09, F.S.; requiring the
26 department to create a standardized form for
27 notification from clerks of courts of
28 satisfaction of a worthless check; providing an
29 effective date.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 316.003, Florida
2 Statutes, is amended to read:

3 316.003 Definitions.--The following words and phrases,
4 when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings
5 respectively ascribed to them in this section, except where
6 the context otherwise requires:

7 (1) AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES.--Vehicles of the
8 fire department (fire patrol), police vehicles, and such
9 ambulances and emergency vehicles of municipal departments,
10 public service corporations operated by private corporations,
11 the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of
12 Health, and the Department of Transportation as are designated
13 or authorized by their respective department or the chief of
14 police of an incorporated city or any sheriff of any of the
15 various counties.

16 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and
17 paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 316.006, Florida
18 Statutes, are amended to read:

19 316.006 Jurisdiction.--Jurisdiction to control traffic
20 is vested as follows:

21 (2) MUNICIPALITIES.--

22 (b) A municipality may exercise jurisdiction over any
23 private road or roads, or over any limited access road or
24 roads owned or controlled by a special district, located
25 within its boundaries if the municipality and party or parties
26 owning or controlling such road or roads provide, by written
27 agreement approved by the governing body of the municipality,
28 for municipal traffic control jurisdiction over the road or
29 roads encompassed by such agreement. Pursuant thereto:

30 1. Provision for reimbursement for actual costs of
31 traffic control and enforcement and for liability insurance

1 and indemnification by the party or parties, and such other
2 terms as are mutually agreeable, may be included in such an
3 agreement.

4 2. The exercise of jurisdiction provided for herein
5 shall be in addition to jurisdictional authority presently
6 exercised by municipalities under law, and nothing in this
7 paragraph shall be construed to limit or remove any such
8 jurisdictional authority. Such jurisdiction includes
9 regulation of access to such road or roads by security devices
10 or personnel.

11 3. Any such agreement may provide for the installation
12 of multiparty stop signs by the parties controlling the roads
13 covered by the agreement if a determination is made by such
14 parties that the signage will enhance traffic safety.
15 Multiparty stop signs must conform to the manual and
16 specifications of the Department of Transportation; however,
17 minimum traffic volumes may not be required for the
18 installation of such signage. Enforcement for the signs shall
19 be as provided in s. 316.123.

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21 This subsection shall not limit those counties which have the
22 charter powers to provide and regulate arterial, toll, and
23 other roads, bridges, tunnels, and related facilities from the
24 proper exercise of those powers by the placement and
25 maintenance of traffic control devices which conform to the
26 manual and specifications of the Department of Transportation
27 on streets and highways located within municipal boundaries.

28 (3) COUNTIES.--

29 (b) A county may exercise jurisdiction over any
30 private road or roads, or over any limited access road or
31 roads owned or controlled by a special district, located in

1 the unincorporated area within its boundaries if the county
2 and party or parties owning or controlling such road or roads
3 provide, by written agreement approved by the governing body
4 of the county, for county traffic control jurisdiction over
5 the road or roads encompassed by such agreement. Pursuant
6 thereto:

7 1. Provision for reimbursement for actual costs of
8 traffic control and enforcement and for liability insurance
9 and indemnification by the party or parties, and such other
10 terms as are mutually agreeable, may be included in such an
11 agreement.

12 2. Prior to entering into an agreement which provides
13 for enforcement of the traffic laws of the state over a
14 private road or roads, or over any limited access road or
15 roads owned or controlled by a special district, the governing
16 body of the county shall consult with the sheriff. No such
17 agreement shall take effect prior to October 1, the beginning
18 of the county fiscal year, unless this requirement is waived
19 in writing by the sheriff.

20 3. The exercise of jurisdiction provided for herein
21 shall be in addition to jurisdictional authority presently
22 exercised by counties under law, and nothing in this paragraph
23 shall be construed to limit or remove any such jurisdictional
24 authority.

25 4. Any such agreement may provide for the installation
26 of multiparty stop signs by the parties controlling the roads
27 covered by the agreement if a determination is made by such
28 parties that the signage will enhance traffic safety.
29 Multiparty stop signs must conform to the manual and
30 specifications of the Department of Transportation; however,
31 minimum traffic volumes may not be required for the

1 installation of such signage. Enforcement for the signs shall
2 be as provided in s. 316.123.

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4 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2), each county
5 shall have original jurisdiction to regulate parking, by
6 resolution of the board of county commissioners and the
7 erection of signs conforming to the manual and specifications
8 of the Department of Transportation, in parking areas located
9 on property owned or leased by the county, whether or not such
10 areas are located within the boundaries of chartered
11 municipalities.

12 Section 3. Subsection (3) is added to section 316.061,
13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14 316.061 Crashes involving damage to vehicle or
15 property.--

16 (3) Employees or authorized agents of the Department
17 of Transportation, law enforcement with proper jurisdiction,
18 and an expressway authority created pursuant to chapter 348,
19 in the exercise, management, control, and maintenance of its
20 highway system, may undertake the removal from the main
21 traveled way of roads on its highway system of all vehicles
22 incapacitated as a result of a motor vehicle crash and of
23 debris caused thereby. Such removal is applicable when such a
24 crash results only in damage to a vehicle or other property,
25 and where such removal can be accomplished safely and will
26 result in the improved safety or convenience of travel upon
27 the road. The driver or any other person who has removed a
28 vehicle from the main traveled way of the road as provided in
29 this subsection shall not be considered liable or at fault
30 regarding the cause of the accident solely by reason of moving
31 the vehicle.

1 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 316.1975, Florida
2 Statutes, is amended to read:

3 316.1975 Unattended motor vehicle.--

4 (2) This section does not apply to the operator of:

5 (a) An authorized emergency vehicle while in the
6 performance of official duties and the vehicle is equipped
7 with an activated antitheft device that prohibits the vehicle
8 from being driven; ~~or~~

9 (b) A licensed delivery truck or other delivery
10 vehicle while making deliveries; or

11 (c) A solid waste or recovered materials vehicle while
12 collecting such items.

13 Section 5. Section 316.2127, Florida Statutes, is
14 created to read:

15 316.2127 Operation of utility vehicles on certain
16 roadways by homeowners' associations.--The operation of a
17 utility vehicle, as defined in s. 320.01, upon the public
18 roads or streets of this state by a homeowners' association,
19 as defined in s. 720.301, or its agents is prohibited except
20 as provided herein:

21 (1) A utility vehicle may be operated by a homeowners'
22 association or its agents only upon a county road that has
23 been designated by a county, or a city street that has been
24 designated by a city, for use by a utility vehicle for general
25 maintenance, security, and landscaping purposes. Prior to
26 making such a designation, the responsible local governmental
27 entity must first determine that utility vehicles may safely
28 travel on or cross the public road or street, considering
29 factors including the speed, volume, and character of motor
30 vehicle traffic on the road or street. Upon a determination
31 that utility vehicles may be safely operated on a designated

1 road or street, the responsible governmental entity shall post
2 appropriate signs to indicate that such operation is allowed.

3 (2) A utility vehicle may be operated by a homeowners'
4 association or its agents on a portion of the State Highway
5 System only under the following conditions:

6 (a) To cross a portion of the State Highway System
7 which intersects a county road or a city street that has been
8 designated for use by utility vehicles if the Department of
9 Transportation has reviewed and approved the location and
10 design of the crossing and any traffic control devices needed
11 for safety purposes.

12 (b) To cross, at midblock, a portion of the State
13 Highway System where the highway bisects property controlled
14 or maintained by a homeowners' association if the Department
15 of Transportation has reviewed and approved the location and
16 design of the crossing and any traffic control devices needed
17 for safety purposes.

18 (c) To travel on a state road that has been designated
19 for transfer to a local government unit pursuant to s.
20 335.0415 if the Department of Transportation determines that
21 the operation of a utility vehicle within the right-of-way of
22 the road will not impede the safe and efficient flow of motor
23 vehicle traffic. The department may authorize the operation of
24 utility vehicles on such a road if:

25 1. The road is the only available public road on which
26 utility vehicles may travel or cross or the road provides the
27 safest travel route among alternative routes available; and

28 2. The speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle
29 traffic on the road is considered in making such a
30 determination.

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1 Upon its determination that utility vehicles may be operated
2 on a given road, the department shall post appropriate signs
3 on the road to indicate that such operation is allowed.

4 (3) A utility vehicle may be operated by a homeowners'
5 association or its agents only during the hours between
6 sunrise and sunset, unless the responsible governmental entity
7 has determined that a utility vehicle may be operated during
8 the hours between sunset and sunrise and the utility vehicle
9 is equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a
10 windshield.

11 (4) A utility vehicle must be equipped with efficient
12 brakes, a reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview
13 mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in both the
14 front and the rear.

15 (5) A utility vehicle may not be operated on public
16 roads or streets by any person under the age of 14.

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18 A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic
19 infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as either a
20 moving violation for infractions of subsection (1), subsection
21 (2), subsection (3), or subsection (4) or as a nonmoving
22 violation for infractions of subsection (5).

23 Section 6. Subsection (9) of section 316.2397, Florida
24 Statutes, is amended to read:

25 316.2397 Certain lights prohibited; exceptions.--

26 (9) Flashing red lights may be used by emergency
27 response vehicles of the Department of Environmental
28 Protection and the Department of Health when responding to an
29 emergency in the line of duty.

30 Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1), paragraph
31 (b) of subsection (2), and paragraphs (b) and (c) of

1 subsection (3) of section 316.640, Florida Statutes, are
2 amended to read:

3 316.640 Enforcement.--The enforcement of the traffic
4 laws of this state is vested as follows:

5 (1) STATE.--

6 (a)1.a. The Division of Florida Highway Patrol of the
7 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Division
8 of Law Enforcement of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
9 Commission, the Division of Law Enforcement of the Department
10 of Environmental Protection, and law enforcement officers of
11 the Department of Transportation each have authority to
12 enforce all of the traffic laws of this state on all the
13 streets and highways thereof and elsewhere throughout the
14 state wherever the public has a right to travel by motor
15 vehicle. The Division of the Florida Highway Patrol may employ
16 as a traffic accident investigation officer any individual who
17 successfully completes at least 200 hours of instruction in
18 traffic accident investigation and court presentation through
19 the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program as approved by the
20 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and funded
21 through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or
22 a similar program approved by the commission, but who does not
23 necessarily meet the uniform minimum standards established by
24 the commission for law enforcement officers or auxiliary law
25 enforcement officers under chapter 943. Any such traffic
26 accident investigation officer who makes an investigation at
27 the scene of a traffic accident may issue traffic citations,
28 based upon personal investigation, when he or she has
29 reasonable and probable grounds to believe that a person who
30 was involved in the accident committed an offense under this
31 chapter, chapter 319, chapter 320, or chapter 322 in

1 connection with the accident. This paragraph does not permit
2 the carrying of firearms or other weapons, nor do such
3 officers have arrest authority ~~other than for the issuance of~~
4 ~~a traffic citation as authorized in this paragraph.~~

5 b. University police officers shall have authority to
6 enforce all of the traffic laws of this state when such
7 violations occur on or about any property or facilities that
8 are under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of
9 a state university, a direct-support organization of such
10 state university, or any other organization controlled by the
11 state university or a direct-support organization of the state
12 university System, except that traffic laws may be enforced
13 off-campus when hot pursuit originates on or adjacent to any
14 such property or facilities ~~on-campus.~~

15 c. Community college police officers shall have the
16 authority to enforce all the traffic laws of this state only
17 when such violations occur on any property or facilities that
18 are under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of
19 the community college system.

20 d. Police officers employed by an airport authority
21 shall have the authority to enforce all of the traffic laws of
22 this state only when such violations occur on any property or
23 facilities that are owned or operated by an airport authority.

24 (I) An airport authority may employ as a parking
25 enforcement specialist any individual who successfully
26 completes a training program established and approved by the
27 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission for parking
28 enforcement specialists but who does not otherwise meet the
29 uniform minimum standards established by the commission for
30 law enforcement officers or auxiliary or part-time officers
31 under s. 943.12. Nothing in this sub-sub-paragraph shall be

1 construed to permit the carrying of firearms or other weapons,
2 nor shall such parking enforcement specialist have arrest
3 authority.

4 (II) A parking enforcement specialist employed by an
5 airport authority is authorized to enforce all state, county,
6 and municipal laws and ordinances governing parking only when
7 such violations are on property or facilities owned or
8 operated by the airport authority employing the specialist, by
9 appropriate state, county, or municipal traffic citation.

10 e. The Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement of the
11 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall have the
12 authority to enforce traffic laws of this state only as
13 authorized by the provisions of chapter 570. However, nothing
14 in this section shall expand the authority of the Office of
15 Agricultural Law Enforcement at its agricultural inspection
16 stations to issue any traffic tickets except those traffic
17 tickets for vehicles illegally passing the inspection station.

18 f. School safety officers shall have the authority to
19 enforce all of the traffic laws of this state when such
20 violations occur on or about any property or facilities which
21 are under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of
22 the district school board.

23 2. An agency of the state as described in subparagraph
24 1. is prohibited from establishing a traffic citation quota. A
25 violation of this subparagraph is not subject to the penalties
26 provided in chapter 318.

27 3. Any disciplinary action taken or performance
28 evaluation conducted by an agency of the state as described in
29 subparagraph 1. of a law enforcement officer's traffic
30 enforcement activity must be in accordance with written
31 work-performance standards. Such standards must be approved by

1 the agency and any collective bargaining unit representing
2 such law enforcement officer. A violation of this subparagraph
3 is not subject to the penalties provided in chapter 318.

4 (2) COUNTIES.--

5 (b) The sheriff's office of each county may employ as
6 a traffic crash investigation officer any individual who
7 successfully completes at least 200 hours of instruction in
8 traffic crash investigation and court presentation through the
9 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) as approved by
10 the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and
11 funded through the National Highway Traffic Safety
12 Administration (NHTSA) or a similar program approved by the
13 commission, but who does not necessarily otherwise meet the
14 uniform minimum standards established by the commission for
15 law enforcement officers or auxiliary law enforcement officers
16 under chapter 943. Any such traffic crash investigation
17 officer who makes an investigation at the scene of a traffic
18 crash may issue traffic citations when, based upon personal
19 investigation, he or she has reasonable and probable grounds
20 to believe that a person who was involved in the crash has
21 committed an offense under this chapter, chapter 319, chapter
22 320, or chapter 322 in connection with the crash. This
23 paragraph does not permit the carrying of firearms or other
24 weapons, nor do such officers have arrest authority ~~other than~~
25 ~~for the issuance of a traffic citation as authorized in this~~
26 ~~paragraph.~~

27 (3) MUNICIPALITIES.--

28 (b) The police department of a chartered municipality
29 may employ as a traffic crash investigation officer any
30 individual who successfully completes at least 200 hours of
31 instruction in traffic crash investigation and court

1 presentation through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program
2 (STEP) as approved by the Criminal Justice Standards and
3 Training Commission and funded through the National Highway
4 Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) or a similar program
5 approved by the commission, but who does not otherwise meet
6 the uniform minimum standards established by the commission
7 for law enforcement officers or auxiliary law enforcement
8 officers under chapter 943. Any such traffic crash
9 investigation officer who makes an investigation at the scene
10 of a traffic crash is authorized to issue traffic citations
11 when, based upon personal investigation, he or she has
12 reasonable and probable grounds to believe that a person
13 involved in the crash has committed an offense under the
14 provisions of this chapter, chapter 319, chapter 320, or
15 chapter 322 in connection with the crash. ~~Nothing in This~~
16 paragraph does not ~~shall be construed to~~ permit the carrying
17 of firearms or other weapons, nor do ~~shall~~ such officers have
18 arrest authority ~~other than for the issuance of a traffic~~
19 ~~citation as authorized above.~~

20 (c)1. A chartered municipality or its authorized
21 agency or instrumentality may employ as a parking enforcement
22 specialist any individual who successfully completes a
23 training program established and approved by the Criminal
24 Justice Standards and Training Commission for parking
25 enforcement specialists, but who does not otherwise meet the
26 uniform minimum standards established by the commission for
27 law enforcement officers or auxiliary or part-time officers
28 under s. 943.12.

29 2. A parking enforcement specialist employed by a
30 chartered municipality or its authorized agency or
31 instrumentality is authorized to enforce all state, county,

1 and municipal laws and ordinances governing parking within the
2 boundaries of the municipality employing the specialist, by
3 appropriate state, county, or municipal traffic citation.
4 ~~Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to permit the~~
5 ~~carrying of firearms or other weapons, nor shall such a~~
6 ~~parking enforcement specialist have arrest authority.~~

7 3. A parking enforcement specialist employed pursuant
8 to this subsection may not carry firearms or other weapons or
9 have arrest authority.

10 Section 8. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (3) of
11 section 318.18, Florida Statutes, to read:

12 318.18 Amount of civil penalties.--The penalties
13 required for a noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14
14 are as follows:

15 (3)

16 (b) For moving violations involving unlawful speed,
17 the fines are as follows:

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19	For speed exceeding the limit by:	Fine:
20	1-5 m.p.h.....	Warning
21	6-9 m.p.h.....	\$ 25
22	10-14 m.p.h.....	\$100
23	15-19 m.p.h.....	\$125
24	20-29 m.p.h.....	\$150
25	30 m.p.h. and above.....	\$250

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27 (f) A person cited for exceeding the speed limit
28 within a zone posted for any electronic or manual toll
29 collection facility will be assessed a fine double the amount
30 listed in paragraph (b). However, no person cited for
31 exceeding the speed limit in any toll collection zone shall be

1 subject to a doubled fine unless the governmental entity or
2 authority controlling the toll collection zone first installs
3 a traffic control device providing warning that speeding fines
4 are doubled. Any such traffic control device must meet the
5 requirements of the uniform system of traffic control devices.

6 Section 9. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
7 319.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

8 319.23 Application for, and issuance of, certificate
9 of title.--

10 (3) If a certificate of title has not previously been
11 issued for a motor vehicle or mobile home in this state, the
12 application, unless otherwise provided for in this chapter,
13 shall be accompanied by a proper bill of sale or sworn
14 statement of ownership, or a duly certified copy thereof, or
15 by a certificate of title, bill of sale, or other evidence of
16 ownership required by the law of the state or county from
17 which the motor vehicle or mobile home was brought into this
18 state. The application shall also be accompanied by:

19 ~~(c) If the vehicle is an ancient or antique vehicle,~~
20 ~~as defined in s. 320.086, the application shall be accompanied~~
21 ~~by a certificate of title; a bill of sale and a registration;~~
22 ~~or a bill of sale and an affidavit by the owner defending the~~
23 ~~title from all claims. The bill of sale must contain a~~
24 ~~complete vehicle description to include the vehicle~~
25 ~~identification or engine number, year make, color, selling~~
26 ~~price, and signatures of the seller and purchaser.~~

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28 Verification of the vehicle identification number is not
29 required for any new motor vehicle; any mobile home; any
30 trailer or semitrailer with a net weight of less than 2,000

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1 pounds; or any travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper,
2 or fifth-wheel recreation trailer.

3 Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
4 319.28, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

5 319.28 Transfer of ownership by operation of law.--

6 (1)(a) In the event of the transfer of ownership of a
7 motor vehicle or mobile home by operation of law as upon
8 inheritance, devise or bequest, order in bankruptcy,
9 insolvency, replevin, attachment, execution, or other judicial
10 sale or whenever the engine of a motor vehicle is replaced by
11 another engine or whenever a motor vehicle is sold to satisfy
12 storage or repair charges or repossession is had upon default
13 in performance of the terms of a security agreement, chattel
14 mortgage, conditional sales contract, trust receipt, or other
15 like agreement, and upon the surrender of the prior
16 certificate of title or, when that is not possible,
17 presentation of satisfactory proof to the department of
18 ownership and right of possession to such motor vehicle or
19 mobile home, and upon payment of the fee prescribed by law and
20 presentation of an application for certificate of title, the
21 department may issue to the applicant a certificate of title
22 thereto. ~~If the application is predicated upon a security~~
23 ~~agreement, chattel mortgage, conditional sales contract, trust~~
24 ~~receipt, or other like agreement, the original instrument or a~~
25 ~~certified copy thereof shall accompany the application;~~
26 ~~however, if an owner under a chattel mortgage voluntarily~~
27 ~~surrenders possession of the motor vehicle or mobile home, the~~
28 ~~original or a certified copy of the chattel mortgage shall~~
29 ~~accompany the application for a certificate of title and it~~
30 ~~shall not be necessary to institute proceedings in any court~~
31 ~~to foreclose such mortgage.~~

1 Section 11. Section 320.025, Florida Statutes, is
2 amended to read:

3 320.025 Registration certificate and license plate or
4 decal issued under fictitious name; application.--

5 (1) A confidential registration certificate and
6 registration license plate or decal shall be issued under a
7 fictitious name only for a motor vehicle or vessel owned or
8 operated by a law enforcement agency of state, county,
9 municipal, or federal government, the Attorney General's
10 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, or any state public defender's
11 office. The requesting agency shall file a written application
12 with the department on forms furnished by the department,
13 which includes a statement that the license plate or decal
14 will be used for the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control
15 Unit, ~~or~~ law enforcement or any state public defender's office
16 activities requiring concealment of publicly leased or owned
17 motor vehicles or vessels and a statement of the position
18 classifications of the individuals who are authorized to use
19 the license plate or decal. The department may modify its
20 records to reflect the fictitious identity of the owner or
21 lessee until such time as the license plate or decal and
22 registration certificate are surrendered to it.

23 (2) Except as provided in subsection (1), any motor
24 vehicle owned or exclusively operated by the state or any
25 county, municipality, or other governmental entity must at all
26 times display a license plate of the type prescribed in s.
27 320.0655. Any vessel owned or exclusively operated by the
28 state or any county, municipality, or other governmental
29 entity must at all times display a registration number as
30 required in s. 328.56 and a vessel decal as required in s.
31 328.48(5).

1 (3) This section constitutes an exception to other
2 statutes relating to falsification of public records, false
3 swearing, and similar matters. All records relating to the
4 registration application of the Attorney General's Medicaid
5 Fraud Control Unit, a law enforcement agency, or any state
6 public defender's office, and records necessary to carry out
7 the intended purpose of this section, are exempt from the
8 provisions of s. 119.07(1), and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
9 Constitution as long as the information is retained by the
10 department. This section does not prohibit other personations,
11 fabrications, or creations of false identifications by the
12 Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, or law
13 enforcement or public defender's officers in the official
14 performance of covert operations.

15 Section 12. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 320.05,
16 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

17 320.05 Records of the department; inspection
18 procedure; lists and searches; fees.--

19 (1) Except as provided in ~~ss. s.~~119.07(3) and
20 320.025(3), the department may release records as provided in
21 this section.

22 (2) Upon receipt of an application for the
23 registration of a motor vehicle, vessel, or mobile home, as
24 herein provided for, the department shall register the motor
25 vehicle, vessel, or mobile home under the distinctive number
26 assigned to such motor vehicle, vessel, or mobile home by the
27 department. Electronic registration records shall be open to
28 the inspection of the public during business hours.
29 Information on a motor vehicle or vessel registration may not
30 be made available to a person unless the person requesting the
31 information furnishes positive proof of identification. The

1 agency that furnishes a motor vehicle or vessel registration
2 record shall record the name and address of any person other
3 than a representative of a law enforcement agency who requests
4 and receives information from a motor vehicle or vessel
5 registration record and shall also record the name and address
6 of the person who is the subject of the inquiry or other
7 information identifying the entity about which information is
8 requested. A record of each such inquiry must be maintained
9 for a period of 6 months from the date upon which the
10 information was released to the inquirer. Nothing in this
11 section shall prohibit any financial institution, insurance
12 company, motor vehicle dealer, licensee under chapter 493,
13 attorney, or other agency which the department determines has
14 the right to know from obtaining, for professional or business
15 use only, information in such records from the department
16 through any means of telecommunication pursuant to a code
17 developed by the department providing all fees specified in
18 subsection (3) have been paid. The department shall disclose
19 records or information to the child support enforcement agency
20 to assist in the location of individuals who owe or
21 potentially owe support, as defined in s. 409.2554, or to whom
22 such an obligation is owed pursuant to Title IV-D of the
23 Social Security Act.

24 Section 13. Subsection (5) of section 320.055, Florida
25 Statutes, is amended to read:

26 320.055 Registration periods; renewal periods.--The
27 following registration periods and renewal periods are
28 established:

29 (5) For a vehicle subject to apportioned registration
30 under s. 320.08(4), (5)(a)1., (e), (6)(b), or (14), the
31 registration period shall be a period of 12 months beginning

1 in a month designated by the department and ending on the last
2 day of the 12th month. For a vehicle subject to this
3 registration period, the renewal period is the last month of
4 the registration period. The registration period may be
5 shortened or extended at the discretion of the department, on
6 receipt of the appropriate prorated fees, in order to evenly
7 distribute such registrations on a monthly basis. For a
8 vehicle subject to nonapportioned registration under s.
9 320.08(4), (5)(a)1., (6)(b), or (14), the registration period
10 begins December 1 and ends November 30. The renewal period is
11 the 31-day period beginning December 1.

12 Section 14. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1)
13 of section 320.06, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

14 320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and
15 validation stickers generally.--

16 (1)

17 (b) Registration license plates bearing a graphic
18 symbol and the alphanumeric system of identification shall be
19 issued for a 5-year period. At the end of said 5-year period,
20 upon renewal, the plate shall be replaced. The fee for such
21 replacement shall be \$10, \$2 of which shall be paid each year
22 before the plate is replaced, to be credited towards the next
23 \$10 replacement fee. The fees shall be deposited into the
24 Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. A credit or refund shall
25 not be given for any prior years' payments of such prorated
26 replacement fee when the plate is replaced or surrendered
27 before the end of the 5-year period. With each license plate,
28 there shall be issued a validation sticker showing the owner's
29 birth month, license plate number, and the year of expiration
30 or the appropriate renewal period if the owner is not a
31 natural person. The ~~This~~ validation sticker is to ~~shall~~ be

1 placed on the upper right ~~left~~ corner of the license plate ~~and~~
2 ~~shall be issued one time during the life of the license plate,~~
3 ~~or upon request when it has been damaged or destroyed. There~~
4 ~~shall also be issued with each license plate a serially~~
5 ~~numbered validation sticker showing the year of expiration,~~
6 ~~which sticker shall be placed on the upper right corner of the~~
7 ~~license plate. Such license plate and validation sticker~~
8 ~~stickers shall be issued based on the applicant's appropriate~~
9 renewal period. The registration period shall be a period of
10 12 months, and all expirations shall occur based on the
11 applicant's appropriate registration period. A vehicle with an
12 apportioned registration shall be issued an annual license
13 plate and a cab card that denote the declared gross vehicle
14 weight for each apportioned jurisdiction in which the vehicle
15 is authorized to operate.

16 (c) Registration license plates equipped with
17 validation stickers shall be valid for not more than 12 months
18 and shall expire at midnight on the last day of the
19 registration period. For each registration period after the
20 one in which the metal registration license plate is issued,
21 and until the license plate is required to be replaced, a
22 validation sticker showing the month and year of expiration
23 shall be issued upon payment of the proper license tax amount
24 and fees and shall be valid for not more than 12 months. When
25 license plates equipped with validation stickers are issued in
26 any month other than the owner's birth month or the designated
27 registration period for any other motor vehicle, the effective
28 date shall reflect the birth month or month and the year of
29 renewal. However, when a license plate or validation sticker
30 is issued for a period of less than 12 months, the applicant
31 shall pay the appropriate amount of license tax and the

1 applicable fee under the provisions of s. 320.14 in addition
2 to all other fees. Validation stickers issued for vehicles
3 taxed under the provisions of s. 320.08(6)(a), for any company
4 which owns 250 vehicles or more, or for semitrailers taxed
5 under the provisions of s. 320.08(5)(a), for any company which
6 owns 50 vehicles or more, may be placed on any vehicle in the
7 fleet so long as the vehicle receiving the validation sticker
8 has the same owner's name and address as the vehicle to which
9 the validation sticker was originally assigned.

10 Section 15. Paragraphs (h) and (i) are added to
11 subsection (2) of section 320.072, Florida Statutes, to read:

12 320.072 Additional fee imposed on certain motor
13 vehicle registration transactions.--

14 (2) The fee imposed by subsection (1) shall not apply
15 to:

16 (h) Any license plate issued during the 10 years
17 preceding the date the transaction is being processed.

18 (i) Any license plate issued to a vehicle taxed under
19 s. 320.08(2), (3), or (9)(c) or (d) at any time during the
20 preceding 10 years.

21 Section 16. Subsection (6) of section 320.0805,
22 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

23 320.0805 Personalized prestige license plates.--

24 (6) A personalized prestige license plate shall be
25 issued for the exclusive continuing use of the applicant. An
26 exact duplicate of any plate may not be issued to any other
27 applicant during the same registration period. An exact
28 duplicate may not be issued for any succeeding year unless the
29 previous owner of a specific plate relinquishes it by failure
30 to apply for renewal or reissuance for 1 year ~~three~~

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1 ~~consecutive annual registration periods~~ following the last
2 ~~original~~ year of issuance.

3 Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 320.083, Florida
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 320.083 Amateur radio operators; special license
6 plates; fees.--

7 (1) A person who is the owner or lessee of an
8 automobile or truck for private use, a truck weighing not more
9 than 7,999 ~~5,000~~ pounds, or a recreational vehicle as
10 specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for
11 hire or commercial use; who is a resident of the state; and
12 who holds a valid official amateur radio station license
13 issued by the Federal Communications Commission shall be
14 issued a special license plate upon application, accompanied
15 by proof of ownership of such radio station license, and
16 payment of the following tax and fees:

17 (a) The license tax required for the vehicle, as
18 prescribed by s. 320.08(2), (3)(a), (b), or (c), (4)(a), (b),
19 (c), (d), (e), or (f), or (9); and

20 (b) An initial additional fee of \$5, and an additional
21 fee of \$1.50 thereafter.

22 Section 18. Subsections (2) and (3) of section
23 320.089, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

24 320.089 Members of National Guard and active United
25 States Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war;
26 survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients;
27 special license plates; fee.--

28 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
29 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 ~~5,000~~ pounds,
30 or recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or
31 (d), which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a

1 resident of the state and who is a former prisoner of war, or
2 their unremarried surviving spouse, shall, upon application
3 therefor to the department, be issued a license plate as
4 provided in s. 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the
5 words "Ex-POW" followed by the serial number. Each application
6 shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant meets the
7 qualifications specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

8 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a
9 member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed
10 forces of a nation allied with the United States who was held
11 as a prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the
12 United States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried
13 surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate
14 provided for in this subsection without payment of the license
15 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

16 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the
17 consent of the United States Government, or a person who was a
18 member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was not a
19 United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when
20 the Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat,
21 or their unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the
22 special license plate provided for in this subsection upon
23 payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

24 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
25 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 ~~5,000~~ pounds,
26 or recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or
27 (d), which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a
28 resident of this state and who is the unremarried surviving
29 spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall, upon
30 application therefor to the department, with the payment of
31 the required fees, be issued a license plate as provided in s.

1 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Purple
2 Heart" and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by
3 the serial number. Each application shall be accompanied by
4 proof that the applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse
5 of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

6 Section 19. Subsection (7) of section 322.25, Florida
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 322.25 When court to forward license to department and
9 report convictions; temporary reinstatement of driving
10 privileges.--

11 (7) Any licensed driver convicted of driving, or being
12 in the actual physical control of, a vehicle within this state
13 while under the influence of alcoholic beverages, any chemical
14 substance set forth in s. 877.111, or any substance controlled
15 under chapter 893, when affected to the extent that his or her
16 normal faculties are impaired, and whose license and driving
17 privilege have been revoked as provided in subsection (1) may
18 be issued a court order for reinstatement of a driving
19 privilege on a temporary basis; provided that, as a part of
20 the penalty, upon conviction, the defendant is required to
21 enroll in and complete a driver improvement course for the
22 rehabilitation of drinking drivers and the driver is otherwise
23 eligible for reinstatement of the driving privilege ~~as~~
24 ~~provided by s. 322.282.~~ The court order for reinstatement
25 shall be on a form provided by the department and must be
26 taken by the person convicted to a Florida driver's license
27 examining office, where a temporary driving permit may be
28 issued. The period of time for which a temporary permit issued
29 in accordance with this subsection is valid shall be deemed to
30 be part of the period of revocation imposed by the court.

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1 Section 20. Subsection (5) of section 322.27, Florida
2 Statutes, is amended to read:

3 322.27 Authority of department to suspend or revoke
4 license.--

5 (5) The department shall revoke the license of any
6 person designated a habitual offender, as set forth in s.
7 322.264, and such person shall not be eligible to be
8 relicensed for ~~a minimum of~~ 5 years after ~~from~~ the date of
9 revocation, except as provided for in s. 322.271. Any person
10 whose license is revoked may, by petition to the department,
11 show cause why his or her license should not be revoked.

12 Section 21. Subsection (4) of section 322.271, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 322.271 Authority to modify revocation, cancellation,
15 or suspension order.--

16 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of s.
17 322.28(2)(d)~~(e)~~, a person whose driving privilege has been
18 permanently revoked because he or she has been convicted of
19 DUI manslaughter in violation of s. 316.193 and has no prior
20 convictions for DUI-related offenses may, upon the expiration
21 of 5 years after the date of such revocation or the expiration
22 of 5 years after the termination of any term of incarceration
23 under s. 316.193 or former s. 316.1931, whichever date is
24 later, petition the department for reinstatement of his or her
25 driving privilege.

26 (a) Within 30 days after the receipt of such a
27 petition, the department shall afford the petitioner an
28 opportunity for a hearing. At the hearing, the petitioner must
29 demonstrate to the department that he or she:

30 1. Has not been arrested for a drug-related offense
31 during the 5 years preceding the filing of the petition;

1 2. Has not driven a motor vehicle without a license
2 for at least 5 years prior to the hearing;
3 3. Has been drug-free for at least 5 years prior to
4 the hearing; and
5 4. Has completed a DUI program licensed by the
6 department.
7 (b) At such hearing, the department shall determine
8 the petitioner's qualification, fitness, and need to drive.
9 Upon such determination, the department may, in its
10 discretion, reinstate the driver's license of the petitioner.
11 Such reinstatement must be made subject to the following
12 qualifications:
13 1. The license must be restricted for employment
14 purposes for not less than 1 year; and
15 2. Such person must be supervised by a DUI program
16 licensed by the department and report to the program for such
17 supervision and education at least four times a year or
18 additionally as required by the program for the remainder of
19 the revocation period. Such supervision shall include
20 evaluation, education, referral into treatment, and other
21 activities required by the department.
22 (c) Such person must assume the reasonable costs of
23 supervision. If such person fails to comply with the required
24 supervision, the program shall report the failure to the
25 department, and the department shall cancel such person's
26 driving privilege.
27 (d) If, after reinstatement, such person is convicted
28 of an offense for which mandatory revocation of his or her
29 license is required, the department shall revoke his or her
30 driving privilege.
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1 (e) The department shall adopt rules regulating the
2 providing of services by DUI programs pursuant to this
3 section.

4 Section 22. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (2)
5 of section 322.28, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

6 322.28 Period of suspension or revocation.--

7 (2) In a prosecution for a violation of s. 316.193 or
8 former s. 316.1931, the following provisions apply:

9 ~~(d) When any driver's license or driving privilege has
10 been revoked pursuant to the provisions of this section, the
11 department shall not grant a new license, except upon
12 reexamination of the licensee after the expiration of the
13 period of revocation so prescribed. However, the court may, in
14 its sound discretion, issue an order of reinstatement on a
15 form furnished by the department which the person may take to
16 any driver's license examining office for reinstatement by the
17 department pursuant to s. 322.282.~~

18 (d)~~(e)~~ The court shall permanently revoke the driver's
19 license or driving privilege of a person who has been
20 convicted four times for violation of s. 316.193 or former s.
21 316.1931 or a combination of such sections. The court shall
22 permanently revoke the driver's license or driving privilege
23 of any person who has been convicted of DUI manslaughter in
24 violation of s. 316.193. If the court has not permanently
25 revoked such driver's license or driving privilege within 30
26 days after imposing sentence, the department shall permanently
27 revoke the driver's license or driving privilege pursuant to
28 this paragraph. No driver's license or driving privilege may
29 be issued or granted to any such person. This paragraph
30 applies only if at least one of the convictions for violation
31 of s. 316.193 or former s. 316.1931 was for a violation that

1 occurred after July 1, 1982. For the purposes of this
2 paragraph, a conviction for violation of former s. 316.028,
3 former s. 316.1931, or former s. 860.01 is also considered a
4 conviction for violation of s. 316.193. Also, a conviction of
5 driving under the influence, driving while intoxicated,
6 driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol level, or any other
7 similar alcohol-related or drug-related traffic offense
8 outside this state is considered a conviction for the purposes
9 of this paragraph.

10 Section 23. Sections 322.282 and 322.331, Florida
11 Statutes, are repealed.

12 Section 24. Subsection (3) is added to section
13 324.091, Florida Statutes, to read:

14 324.091 Notice to department; notice to insurer.--

15 (3) Electronic access to the vehicle insurer
16 information maintained in the department's vehicle database
17 may be provided by an approved third-party provider to
18 insurers, lawyers, and financial institutions in compliance
19 with s. 627.736(9)(a) and for subrogation and claims purposes
20 only. The compilation and retention of this information is
21 strictly prohibited.

22 Section 25. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
23 328.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

24 328.01 Application for certificate of title.--

25 (3)

26 (b) If the application for transfer of title is based
27 upon a contractual default, the recorded lienholder shall
28 establish proof of right to ownership by submitting with the
29 application the original certificate of title ~~and a copy of~~
30 ~~the applicable contract upon which the claim of ownership is~~
31 ~~made~~. If the claim is based upon a court order or judgment, a

1 copy of such document shall accompany the application for
2 transfer of title. If, on the basis of departmental records,
3 there appears to be any other lien on the vessel, the
4 certificate of title must contain a statement of such a lien,
5 unless the application for a certificate of title is either
6 accompanied by proper evidence of the satisfaction or
7 extinction of the lien or contains a statement certifying that
8 any lienholder named on the last-issued certificate of title
9 has been sent notice by certified mail, at least 5 days before
10 the application was filed, of the applicant's intention to
11 seek a repossessed title. If such notice is given and no
12 written protest to the department is presented by a subsequent
13 lienholder within 15 days after the date on which the notice
14 was mailed, the certificate of title shall be issued showing
15 no liens. If the former owner or any subsequent lienholder
16 files a written protest under oath within the 15-day period,
17 the department shall not issue the repossessed certificate for
18 10 days thereafter. If, within the 10-day period, no
19 injunction or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction
20 has been served on the department commanding it not to deliver
21 the certificate, the department shall deliver the repossessed
22 certificate to the applicant, or as is otherwise directed in
23 the application, showing no other liens than those shown in
24 the application.

25 Section 26. Subsection (2) of section 328.42, Florida
26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27 328.42 Suspension or denial of a vessel registration
28 due to support delinquency; dishonored checks.--

29 (2) The department may deny or cancel any vessel
30 registration, license plate, or fuel-use tax decal if the
31 owner pays for the registration, license plate, fuel-use tax

1 decal, or any tax liability, penalty, or interest specified in
2 chapter 207 by a dishonored check.

3 Section 27. Section 328.56, Florida Statutes, is
4 amended to read:

5 328.56 Vessel registration number.--Each vessel that
6 is used on the waters of the state must display a ~~commercial~~
7 ~~or recreational~~ Florida registration number, unless it is:

8 (1) A vessel used exclusively on private lakes and
9 ponds.

10 (2) A vessel owned by the United States Government.

11 (3) A vessel used exclusively as a ship's lifeboat.

12 (4) A non-motor-powered vessel.

13 (5) A federally documented vessel.

14 (6) A vessel already covered by a registration number
15 in full force and effect which has been awarded to it pursuant
16 to a federally approved numbering system of another state or
17 by the United States Coast Guard in a state without a
18 federally approved numbering system, if the vessel has not
19 been within this state for a period in excess of 90
20 consecutive days.

21 (7) A vessel operating under a valid temporary
22 certificate of number.

23 (8) A vessel from a country other than the United
24 States temporarily using the waters of this state.

25 (9) An undocumented vessel used exclusively for
26 racing.

27 Section 28. Subsection (4) of section 328.72, Florida
28 Statutes, is amended to read:

29 328.72 Classification; registration; fees and charges;
30 surcharge; disposition of fees; fines; marine turtle
31 stickers.--

1 (4) TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP.--

2 ~~(a)~~ When the ownership of a registered vessel changes,
3 an application for transfer of registration shall be filed
4 with the county tax collector by the new owner within 30 days
5 with a fee of \$3.25. The county tax collector shall retain
6 \$2.25 of the fee and shall remit \$1 to the department. A
7 refund may not be made for any unused portion of a
8 registration period.

9 ~~(b) If a vessel is an antique as defined in subsection~~
10 ~~(2), the application shall be accompanied by either a~~
11 ~~certificate of title, a bill of sale and a registration, or a~~
12 ~~bill of sale and an affidavit by the owner defending the title~~
13 ~~from all claims. The bill of sale must contain a complete~~
14 ~~vessel description to include the hull identification number~~
15 ~~and engine number, if appropriate; the year, make, and color~~
16 ~~of the vessel; the selling price; and the signatures of the~~
17 ~~seller and purchaser.~~

18 Section 29. Subsection (3) is added to section 832.09,
19 Florida Statutes, to read:

20 832.09 Suspension of driver license after warrant or
21 capias is issued in worthless check case.--

22 (3) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor
23 Vehicles shall create a standardized form to be distributed to
24 the clerks of the court in each county for the purpose of
25 notifying the department that a person has satisfied the
26 requirements of the court. Notices of compliance with the
27 court's requirements shall be on the standardized form
28 provided by the department.

29 Section 30. This act shall take effect October 1,
30 2002.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Provides that certain vehicles of the Department of Health are authorized emergency vehicles. Authorizes the installation of multiparty stop signs on certain roads. Provides guidelines for the installation of such signage. Authorizes certain entities to remove crashed motor vehicles from roadways under their jurisdiction under certain circumstances. Provides a limitation of liability. Exempts operators of solid waste and recovered materials vehicles from provisions regarding unattended motor vehicles under certain circumstances. Provides for operation of utility vehicles on city streets, county roads, or the State Highway System under certain circumstances.

Authorizes emergency response vehicles of the Department of Health to use red flashing lights. Revises traffic law enforcement authority of university police officers. Revises the powers and duties of traffic crash investigation officers. Provides for assessment of doubled fines for speeding in toll collection zones.

Conforms the requirements for the transfer of ownership on an antique vehicle to that of other motor vehicles. Deletes the requirement that a copy of a contract be provided for processing an application for title based on a contractual default.

Conforms vessel registration law to motor vehicle registration law. Requires a decal to be affixed to a vessel that is registered under a fictitious name and operated by a law enforcement agency. Provides instructions for the release of information regarding a vessel to the public.

Corrects the registration period for nonapportioned vehicles. Provides for the placement of only one validation sticker rather than two on a license plate. Reduces the amount of time a registrant can use a previous license plate for the initial registration fee exemption. Reduces the amount of time a personalized license plate must remain out of circulation prior to reassignment. Increases the weight limit for a private-use vehicle so as to be eligible to apply for the Amateur Radio Operator specialty license plate. Increases the weight limit for a private-use vehicle so as to be eligible to apply for the Ex-POW or Purple Heart license plate.

Clarifies the time period for a driver's license revocation of a habitual traffic offender. Deletes obsolete language regarding the revocation of a driver's license. Provides for electronic access to vehicle

1 insurer information.

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3 Deletes the requirement that a copy of a contract upon
4 which a claim of ownership of a vessel is made be
5 submitted if an application for transfer of title is
6 based on a contractual default. Authorizes the department
7 to deny or cancel any vessel registration, license plate,
8 or fuel-use tax decal when given a dishonored check by
9 the customer. Deletes the terms "commercial" and
10 "recreational" when referring to vessels operated on the
11 waters of this state. Deletes the requirements for the
12 transfer of ownership of an antique vessel.

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