33-1517-02 See HB
A bill to be entitled

An act relating to passengers of vehicles; amending s. 316.2015, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons from riding on the exterior of a passenger vehicle or in areas not designed or intended for the use of passengers on certain vehicles; prohibiting certain minors from riding within the body of a pickup truck or flatbed truck; providing exceptions; providing penalties; amending s. 316.008, F.S.; authorizing counties and municipalities to exempt themselves from such prohibition; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 316.2015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.2015 Unlawful for person to ride on exterior of vehicle.--

vehicle to permit any person to ride on the bumper, radiator, fender, hood, top, trunk, or running board of such vehicle when operated upon any street or highway which is maintained by the state, county or municipality. However, the operator of any vehicle shall not be in violation of this section when such operator permits any person to occupy seats securely affixed to the exterior of such vehicle. Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection shall be cited for a moving violation, punishable as provided in chapter 318.

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(2) No person shall ride on any vehicle upon any portion thereof not designed or intended for the use of passengers. This provision shall not apply to an employee of a fire department, a governmentally operated solid waste disposal department, or a waste disposal service operating pursuant to a contract with a governmental entity or to a volunteer firefighter engaged in the necessary discharge of a duty, nor does it apply to a person who is being transported in response to an emergency by a public agency or pursuant to the direction or authority of a public agency or to a person or persons riding within truck bodies in space intended for merchandise. No minor child 16 years of age or younger shall ride upon the public roads of the state within the body of an open pickup truck or flatbed truck unless the minor is restrained within the back of a truck which has been modified to include secure seating and safety restraints which would prevent the minor from being thrown, falling, or jumping from the truck. The provisions of this subsection shall be inapplicable in a medical emergency if the child is accompanied within the truck by an adult and shall be inapplicable when the truck is being operated upon a farm or off the public roads of the state. Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection shall be cited for a nonmoving violation, punishable as provided in chapter 318. (3) This section shall not apply to a performer engaged in a professional exhibition or person participating

Section 2. Subsection (7) is added to section 316.008, Florida Statutes, to read:

in an exhibition or parade, or any such person preparing to

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participate in such exhibitions or parades.

(7) A county or municipality may adopt an ordinance that authorizes persons to ride on the bed of a pickup truck or flatbed truck, notwithstanding the prohibition contained in s. 316.2015. Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002. HOUSE SUMMARY Specifies that certain areas in a vehicle not designed or intended for the use of passengers as areas on which it is unlawful for persons, except for employees of fire departments or solid waste disposal departments or contractors, volunteer firefighters, and persons being transported in emergencies, to ride. Provides that it is unlawful for the operator of a passenger vehicle to permit another person to ride on the bumper, radiator, fender, hood, top, trunk, or running board of the vehicle, whether or not in a securely affixed seat. Allows a county or municipality to opt out of the prohibition by ordinance. Prohibits minor children 16 years of age or younger from riding within the body of an open pickup truck or flatbed truck with described exceptions. See bill for details.