

Amendment No. 006 (for drafter's use only)

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The Committee on Transportation offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 9, between lines 15 and 16,

insert: Subsection (31) of section 334.044, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

334.044 Department; powers and duties.--The department shall have the following general powers and duties:

(31) In order to fulfill the department's mission to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, the department's Office of Motor Carrier Compliance may employ sworn law enforcement officers, certified in accordance with chapter 943 to enforce the traffic and criminal laws of this state. Such officers shall have full law enforcement powers granted to other peace officers of this state including making arrests, carrying firearms, serving court process, and seizing contraband and the proceeds of illegal activities. Officers appointed under this section have the primary responsibility for enforcing laws relating to size and weight of commercial motor vehicles; safety, traffic, tax and registration of

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1 commercial motor vehicles; contraband interdiction; and
 2 violations that threaten the overall security and safety of
 3 Florida's transportation infrastructure and the motoring
 4 public. The office is also authorized to appoint part-time
 5 and/or auxiliary law enforcement officers pursuant to chapter
 6 943 and to provide compensation in accordance with law.

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10 And the title is amended as follows:

11 On page 1, line 28, after the semicolon,

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13 insert:

14 Amending s. 334.044, F.S.; specifying duties of
 15 the officers who work for the department's
 16 Office of Motor Carrier Compliance;

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