By Senator Bullard

39-1078-03 See HB 497

A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to motor vehicles; creating the Interstate 95 Lane Designation Pilot Project in 3 4 Palm Beach County; providing legislative 5 purpose; requiring heavy trucks to use the two outermost lanes; providing penalties for 6 7 violation; directing the Department of Transportation to erect signs; requiring 8 9 posting of signs prior to citation for 10 violation; providing for repeal; providing an effective date. 11 13

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

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Section 1. Interstate 95 Lane Designation Pilot Project in Palm Beach County. --

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(1) There is created the Interstate 95 Lane Designation Pilot Project in Palm Beach County. The purpose of the project is to increase motorist safety, improve the flow of traffic, and reduce the wear and tear on Interstate 95 by requiring heavy trucks to use the two outermost lanes on that highway in Palm Beach County. The pilot project shall last for 2 years.

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(2) Any heavy truck having three or more axles shall operate only on the two outermost right-hand lanes on Interstate 95 within the boundaries of Palm Beach County, except when the vehicle is preparing for a left turn, avoiding a hazardous condition on the road, or directed by a law enforcement officer or other authorized official.

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(3) A violation of subsection (2) is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in chapter 318, Florida Statutes. (4) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs informing operators of heavy trucks and other motorists of the lane requirements in subsection (2). There shall be no citation for a violation of subsection (2) unless such signs have been erected and are clearly visible to motorists. (5) This act is repealed October 1, 2005. Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2003.