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

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

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

(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.

(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.

(3) A violation of subsection (2) is a noncriminal traffic  
 infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in  
 chapter 318, Florida Statutes.



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30       (4) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
31 suitable signs informing operators of heavy trucks and other  
32 motorists of the lane requirements in subsection (2). There  
33 shall be no citation for a violation of subsection (2) unless  
34 such signs have been erected and are clearly visible to  
35 motorists.

36       (5) This act is repealed October 1, 2005.

37       Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2003.