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The Committee on Transportation recommends the following:

**Committee Substitute**

Remove the entire bill and insert:

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 and improve the flow of traffic on Interstate 95 by requiring heavy trucks to use the two



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28 outermost lanes on that highway in Palm Beach County. The pilot  
29 project shall last for 2 years.

30 (2) Any heavy truck having three or more axles shall  
31 operate only on the two outermost right-hand lanes on Interstate  
32 95 within the boundaries of Palm Beach County, except when the  
33 vehicle is preparing for a left turn, avoiding a hazardous  
34 condition on the road, or directed by a law enforcement officer  
35 or other authorized official.

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

39 (4) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
40 suitable signs informing operators of heavy trucks and other  
41 motorists of the lane requirements in subsection (2). There  
42 shall be no citation for a violation of subsection (2) unless  
43 such signs have been erected and are clearly visible to  
44 motorists.

45 (5) This act is repealed October 1, 2005.

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