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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. <u>Interstate 95 Lane Designation Pilot Project in</u>
 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
 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.



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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

35 motorists.

(5) This act is repealed October 1, 2005.

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