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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and  
 3           Motor Vehicles; amending s. 322.27, F.S.; requiring law  
 4           enforcement agencies to notify the department of any  
 5           traffic fatality or when a law enforcement agency  
 6           initiates action to obtain a blood test for purposes of  
 7           determining alcoholic content or presence of chemical or  
 8           controlled substances in a case of death or serious bodily  
 9           injury; amending s. 322.20, F.S.; requiring the department  
 10          to maintain records of convictions of persons holding a  
 11          foreign license to drive; providing an effective date.

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

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 15           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
 16           322.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

17           322.27 Authority of department to suspend or revoke  
 18           license.--

19           (1) Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in  
 20           chapter 120, the department is hereby authorized to suspend the  
 21           license of any person without preliminary hearing upon a showing  
 22           of its records or other sufficient evidence that the licensee:

23           (a) Has committed an offense for which mandatory  
 24           revocation of license is required upon conviction. A law  
 25           enforcement agency must provide information to the department  
 26           within 24 hours after any traffic fatality or when the law  
 27           enforcement agency initiates action pursuant to s. 316.1933;

28           Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 322.20, Florida  
 29           Statutes, is amended to read:

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30           322.20 Records of the department; fees; destruction of  
31 records.--

32           (2) The department shall also maintain a record of all  
33 crash reports, abstracts of court records of convictions, and  
34 notices of revocation or suspension of a person's driver's  
35 license or driving privilege. Records of convictions of a person  
36 holding a foreign license to drive shall be maintained by the  
37 department if the uniform traffic citation indicates an address  
38 located in this state.

39           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.