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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following:

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Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to traffic control; amending s. 316.006, F.S.; providing for jurisdiction and authority of municipalities to grant permits, licenses, or franchises or otherwise regulate sightseeing operations; specifying that no liability arises for municipalities for exercising their rights to regulate sightseeing operations; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of section 316.006, Florida Statutes, to read:

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316.006 Jurisdiction.--Jurisdiction to control traffic is vested as follows:

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(2) MUNICIPALITIES. --

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(c) Without limiting, modifying, or restricting any other statutory, contractual, or common law municipal powers, the Legislature expressly reaffirms the policy of this state that

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municipalities may grant permits, licenses, or franchises or may otherwise regulate sightseeing operations on public rights-of-way within their jurisdictions. This paragraph is solely intended to clarify that liability does not arise for municipalities or their permittees, licensees, or franchisees under chapter 542 for regulating sightseeing operations as described in this paragraph.

This subsection shall not limit those counties which have the charter powers to provide and regulate arterial, toll, and other roads, bridges, tunnels, and related facilities from the proper exercise of those powers by the placement and maintenance of traffic control devices which conform to the manual and specifications of the Department of Transportation on streets and highways located within municipal boundaries.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.