## Florida Senate - 2005

By the Committees on Commerce and Consumer Services; Transportation; and Senators Alexander and Hill

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to farm labor vehicles;
3	amending s. 316.003, F.S.; revising and
4	providing definitions; repealing s. 316.620,
5	F.S., relating to transportation of migrant
6	farm workers; creating s. 316.622, F.S.;
7	requiring owners and operators of farm labor
8	vehicles to conform such vehicles to certain
9	standards; requiring seat belts at each
10	passenger position in certain vehicles;
11	requiring certain operators to display a
12	certain sticker on the vehicle; requiring a
13	certain sign to be displayed in the vehicle;
14	providing a penalty; amending ss. 320.38,
15	322.031, and 450.181, F.S.; conforming
16	provisions; amending s. 450.28, F.S.; revising
17	a definition; amending s. 450.33, F.S.;
18	conforming a cross-reference; requiring the
19	department to issue a vehicle authorization
20	sticker denoting the authorization of a vehicle
21	for use in the transportation of farm workers;
22	requiring the display of the sticker; providing
23	an effective date.
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25	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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27	Section 1. Subsections (61) and (62) of section
28	316.003, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
29	316.003 DefinitionsThe following words and phrases,
30	when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings
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1 respectively ascribed to them in this section, except where 2 the context otherwise requires: 3 (61) MIGRANT OR SEASONAL FARM WORKER. -- Any person 4 employed in hand labor operations in the planting, cultivation, or harvesting of agricultural crops who is not 5 б indigenous to, or domiciled in, the locale where so employed. 7 (62) FARM LABOR VEHICLE. -- Any vehicle designed, used, 8 or maintained for the transportation of nine or more migrant or seasonal farm workers, in addition to the driver, to or 9 10 from a place of employment or employment-related activities. The term does not include: 11 12 (a) Any vehicle carrying only members of the immediate family of the owner or driver thereof. 13 (b) Any vehicle being operated by a common carrier of 14 15 passengers. (c) Any carpool as defined in s. 450.28(3). MIGRANT 16 17 FARM WORKER CARRIER. Any person who transports, or who 18 contracts or arranges for the transportation of, nine or more migrant farm workers to or from their employment by motor 19 2.0 vehicle other than a passenger automobile or station wagon, 21 except a migrant farm worker transporting himself or herself 22 or the migrant farm worker's immediate family. 23 Section 2. Section 316.620, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 2.4 25 Section 3. Section 316.622, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 26 27 316.622 Farm labor vehicles.--2.8 (1) Each owner or operator of a farm labor vehicle that is operated on the public highways of this state shall 29 ensure that such vehicle conforms to vehicle safety standards 30 prescribed by the Secretary of Labor under s. 401(b) of the 31

1 Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act, 29 U.S.C. s. 1841(b), and other applicable federal and state 2 3 safety standards. 4 (2) On or after January 1, 2007, every farm labor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or 5 б less shall be equipped at each passenger position with a seat 7 belt assembly that meets the requirements established under 8 Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208, 49 C.F.R. s. 571.208. 9 10 (3) A farm labor contractor may not operate a farm labor vehicle to transport migrant or seasonal farm workers 11 12 unless the display sticker described in s. 450.33 is clearly 13 displayed on the vehicle. (4) The owner or operator of a farm labor vehicle 14 shall have prominently displayed in the vehicle at all times. 15 a standardized notification instructing passengers to fasten 16 17 their seatbelts. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor 18 Vehicles shall create the official notification that shall be a standard size and design to be used statewide. 19 20 (5) A violation of this section is a noncriminal 21 traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as 2.2 provided in chapter 318. 23 Section 4. Section 320.38, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 2.4 25 320.38 When nonresident exemption not allowed.--The provisions of s. 320.37 authorizing the operation of motor 26 27 vehicles over the roads of this state by nonresidents of this 2.8 state when such vehicles are duly registered or licensed under 29 the laws of some other state or foreign country do not apply to any nonresident who accepts employment or engages in any 30 trade, profession, or occupation in this state, except a 31

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1 nonresident migrant or seasonal farm worker as defined in s. 2 316.003(61). In every case in which a nonresident, except a nonresident migrant or seasonal farm worker as defined in s. 3 316.003(61), accepts employment or engages in any trade, 4 profession, or occupation in this state or enters his or her 5 6 children to be educated in the public schools of this state, 7 such nonresident shall, within 10 days after the commencement 8 of such employment or education, register his or her motor vehicles in this state if such motor vehicles are proposed to 9 be operated on the roads of this state. Any person who is 10 enrolled as a student in a college or university and who is a 11 12 nonresident but who is in this state for a period of up to 6 13 months engaged in a work-study program for which academic credits are earned from a college whose credits or degrees are 14 accepted for credit by at least three accredited institutions 15 of higher learning, as defined in s. 1005.02, is not required 16 17 to have a Florida registration for the duration of the 18 work-study program if the person's vehicle is properly registered in another jurisdiction. Any nonresident who is 19 enrolled as a full-time student in such institution of higher 20 learning is also exempt for the duration of such enrollment. 21 22 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 322.031, Florida 23 Statutes, is amended to read: 322.031 Nonresident; when license required .--2.4 25 (1) In every case in which a nonresident, except a nonresident migrant or seasonal farm worker as defined in s. 26 27 316.003(61), accepts employment or engages in any trade, 2.8 profession, or occupation in this state or enters his or her 29 children to be educated in the public schools of this state, such nonresident shall, within 30 days after the commencement 30 of such employment or education, be required to obtain a 31 4

1 Florida driver's license if such nonresident operates a motor vehicle on the highways of this state. The spouse or dependent 2 child of such nonresident shall also be required to obtain a 3 Florida driver's license within that 30-day period prior to 4 operating a motor vehicle on the highways of this state. 5 б Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 450.181, Florida 7 Statutes, is amended to read: 8 450.181 Definitions.--As used in part II, unless the 9 context clearly requires a different meaning: 10 (3) The term "migrant laborer" has the same meaning as migrant or seasonal farm workers as defined in s. 316.003(61). 11 12 Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 450.28, Florida 13 Statutes, is amended to read: 450.28 Definitions.--14 (3) "Carpool" means an arrangement made by the workers 15 themselves using one such worker's own vehicle reached by and 16 17 between farm workers for transportation to and from work and 18 for which the driver or owner of the vehicle is not paid by any third person other than the members of the carpool. 19 Section 8. Subsection (9) of section 450.33, Florida 20 21 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (12) is added to that 22 section, to read: 23 450.33 Duties of farm labor contractor.--Every farm 2.4 labor contractor must: (9) Produce evidence to the department that each 25 vehicle he or she uses for the transportation of employees 26 27 complies with the requirements and specifications established 2.8 in chapter 316, s. <u>316.622</u> <del>316.620</del>, or Pub. L. No. 93-518 as amended by Pub. L. No. 97-470 meeting Department of 29 30 Transportation requirements or, in lieu thereof, bears a valid 31

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inspection sticker showing that the vehicle has passed the inspection in the state in which the vehicle is registered. (12) Clearly display on each vehicle used to transport farm workers a display sticker issued by the department. This display sticker shall indicate that the vehicle is authorized б by the department for use in transporting farm workers and the expiration date of the authorization. Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005. STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR <u>CS/SB 1874</u> This committee substitute corrects an error in the bill, replacing the term "non-resident or seasonal migrant farmworker" with "non-resident migrant or seasonal farmworker." 2.4