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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to commercial motor vehicles; creating s. 316.570, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring a minimum amount of insurance coverage for persons engaged in retrofitting, rebuilding, or modifying commercial trucks, truck tractors, or heavy trucks into dump trucks; providing safety standards; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 316.570, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.570 Rebuilt, modified, or retrofitted dump trucks.-(1) As used in this section, the term:

 (a) "Dump truck" means any motor vehicle with a net weight of more than 5,000 pounds which is registered on the basis of gross vehicle weight in accordance with s. 320.08(4) and is properly equipped with a container used for transporting and dumping various materials, resources, or items.

(b) "Person" means any form of corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, cooperative, joint venture, business trust, sole proprietorship, or self-employed person conducting business in this state.

(2) Any person engaged in retrofitting, rebuilding, or modifying commercial trucks, truck tractors, or heavy trucks, as defined in s. 320.01, into dump trucks must have evidence of insurance coverage under a commercial liability insurance policy

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with limits of at least \$1 million per accident and \$1 million annual aggregate. Evidence of such insurance policy must be available at all reasonable hours for inspection by any law enforcement officer.

- (3) Any person engaged in retrofitting, rebuilding, or modifying commercial trucks, truck tractors, or heavy trucks, as defined in s. 320.01, into dump trucks must ensure that the retrofitted, rebuilt, or modified dump truck complies with all federal safety standards provided in 49 C.F.R. s. 393.
- (4) Any person who violates subsection (2) or subsection

  (3) commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Any person who violates subsection (2) or subsection (3) a second time commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Any person who violates subsection (2) or subsection (3) a third or subsequent time commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2005.