

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a motor vehicle safety pilot program;
3 requiring certain limited access facilities that are
4 adjacent to a canal or other water body to have a system
5 of guardrails, retention cables, or other barriers between
6 the highway and the canal or water body; providing for the
7 Department of Transportation to establish certain
8 standards governing the installation and maintenance of
9 the barriers; requiring that barriers be installed for
10 existing highways by a specified date; providing for
11 future review and repeal; 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. Barrier required between a highway and a canal
16 or a water body.--

17 (1) Each limited access facility in Miami-Dade County that
18 is adjacent to a canal or other water body must have a system of
19 guardrails, retention cables, or other barriers between the
20 highway and the canal or water body which are installed and
21 maintained in conformance with standards established by the
22 Florida Department of Transportation. The standards should
23 consider loss of life by safely preventing out-of-control motor
24 vehicles from entering the canal or water body, as well as the
25 width or depth of the canal or water body or its proximity to
26 the traveled way of the highway.

27 (2) For a limited access facility in existence on July 1,
28 2006, the barriers required under this section must be installed
29 on or before December 31, 2009.

30 (3) This pilot program shall stand repealed December 31,
31 2011, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through enactment by
32 the Legislature.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.