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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the state agency law enforcement radio
3 system; amending s. 320.0802, F.S.; providing for an
4 additional surcharge on the annual motor vehicle license
5 tax; providing exceptions; directing the moneys collected
6 be used for certain enhancements to the radio system;
7 providing an effective date.

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9 WHEREAS, during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons, the
10 State of Florida experienced eight catastrophic storms within a
11 15-month period, and

12 WHEREAS, designed in 1988, the state agency law enforcement
13 radio system was able to serve law enforcement units of state
14 agencies and local law enforcement agencies through mutual aid
15 channels, and

16 WHEREAS, the state recognizes the importance of maintaining
17 a law enforcement radio system throughout the state to ensure
18 that first responders and law enforcement officers are able to
19 communicate, protect, and provide relief, and

20 WHEREAS, the state agency law enforcement radio system
21 performed as designed and was able to withstand and operate
22 effectively during all recent hurricanes, and

23 WHEREAS, recent legislative studies and agency reviews
24 indicate that the radio system should be strengthened to ensure
25 continued communication and protection by investment in the
26 infrastructure, and

27 WHEREAS, in 2005, the Joint Task Force on State Agency Law
28 Enforcement Communications conducted a review of the operations

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29 and identified a number of enhancements to strengthen the system
 30 for future events, and

31 WHEREAS, these permanent enhancements to the statewide
 32 system should be funded by recurring funding sources, and

33 WHEREAS, all Floridians benefit from a law enforcement
 34 radio system that allows constant communication throughout the
 35 state during hurricane seasons, emergencies, and the normal
 36 course of performing their duties, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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40 Section 1. Section 320.0802, Florida Statutes, is amended
 41 to read:

42 320.0802 Surcharge on license tax.--There is hereby levied
 43 and imposed on each license tax imposed under s. 320.08, except
 44 those set forth in s. 320.08(11), a surcharge in the amount of
 45 \$1, which shall be collected in the same manner as the license
 46 tax and deposited into the State Agency Law Enforcement Radio
 47 System Trust Fund of the Department of Management Services. An
 48 additional surcharge in the amount of \$1 shall be levied and
 49 imposed on each license tax imposed under s. 320.08, except
 50 those set forth in s. 320.08(11), and deposited into the State
 51 Agency Law Enforcement Radio System Trust Fund of the Department
 52 of Management Services for enhancements to the state agency law
 53 enforcement radio system as identified in 2005 by the Joint Task
 54 Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications.

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