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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to traffic offenses; creating
3	s. 322.2645, F.S.; requiring the Department of
4	Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to create an
5	Internet database of certain habitual traffic
6	offenders; specifying requirements for the
7	database; providing the department and its
8	agents immunity from certain civil actions
9	concerning the database; providing that in
10	certain circumstances concerning the database
11	the department and its agents are presumed to
12	have acted in good faith; creating s. 322.294,
13	F.S.; requiring the department to develop a
14	publication regarding the requirements
15	concerning the restoration of various
16	driving-related privileges following an arrest
17	or conviction for driving under the influence
18	of alcohol or drugs; requiring the department
19	to post the publication on its website and
20	distribute it to the courts and various
21	executive officers and enforcing entities;
22	providing for distribution of the publication
23	by courts and such officers or entities to
24	persons charged with or convicted of driving
25	under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
26	providing an effective date.
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28	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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30	Section 1. Section 322.2645, Florida Statutes, is
31	created to read:

1	322.2645 Database of habitual traffic offenders
2	(1) The department shall make identification
3	information concerning habitual traffic offenders as defined
4	in s. 322.264, whose licenses have been suspended or revoked
5	and not subsequently reinstated, available to the public
6	through an Internet database. The database must be searchable
7	by the public and must include the capability of searching for
8	offenders by zip code.
9	(2) The department may not include information in the
10	database which is confidential and exempt from public
11	disclosure under s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the
12	State Constitution.
13	(3) The department, its personnel, and any individual
14	or entity acting at the request or upon the direction of the
15	department are immune from civil liability for damages for
16	good-faith compliance with this section and are presumed to
17	have acted in good faith when reporting information as
18	required by this section. The presumption of good faith is not
19	overcome if the department, its personnel, or any individual
20	or entity acting at the request or upon the direction of the
21	department:
22	(a) Makes technical or clerical errors in reporting
23	the information;
24	(b) Reports information that was falsely reported
25	without the knowledge of the department, its personnel, or
26	such individual or entity; or
27	(c) Cannot report the information as required by this
28	section because it was not provided to the department as
29	required by law.
30	Section 2. Section 322.294, Florida Statutes, is
31	created to read:

1	322.294 Information concerning reinstatement of
2	certain driving privileges
3	(1) The department shall develop and distribute a
4	publication to inform each person whose driver's license is
5	suspended under s. 322.2615 or s. 322.2616 or suspended or
6	temporarily revoked for a violation of s. 316.193, or who is
7	disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a
8	violation of s. 322.61(3)(a), (b), or (f) or s. 322.62,
9	concerning whether he or she may requalify for a driver's
10	license or commercial motor vehicle license and the
11	requirements that must be met in order to requalify.
12	(2) Each court that convicts a person of violating s.
13	316.193 or s. 322.62, each law enforcement officer or
14	correctional officer who suspends the driving privilege of a
15	person under s. 322.2615 or s. 322.2616, and each entity who
16	disqualifies a person from operating a commercial vehicle for
17	a violation of s. 322.61(3)(a), (b), or (f) shall, at the time
18	of such a conviction, suspension, or disqualification, provide
19	the person with a copy of the publication created under
20	subsection (1).
21	(3) The department shall post the publication created
22	under subsection (1) on its Internet website and make copies
23	of the publication available to each court that adjudicates
24	violations of s. 316.193 or s. 322.62, to each law enforcement
25	or correctional officer authorized to suspend licenses under
26	s. 322.2615 or s. 322.2616, and to each entity authorized to
27	disqualify a person from operating a commercial motor vehicle
28	for a violation of s. 322.61(3)(a), (b), or (f).
29	Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2007.
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********** SENATE SUMMARY Requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to create an Internet database of certain habitual traffic offenders. Immunizes the department and its agents from certain civil actions concerning the database. Creates a presumption, in certain circumstances concerning the database, that the department and its agents acted in good faith. Requires the department develop a publication concerning the requirements for restoring various driving privileges after arrest or conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Requires posting of the publication on the department's website. Requires distribution of the publication by the courts and various enforcing officers or entities.