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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to records of the Department of
3	Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; amending s.
4	119.0712, F.S.; including identification card
5	numbers within those motor vehicle records held
6	by the department which are exempt from
7	requirements for public disclosure; providing
8	for the release of personal information held by
9	the department for purposes of complying with
10	specified federal laws; providing circumstances
11	under which social security numbers,
12	photographs and images, medical disability
13	information, and emergency contact information
14	held by the department may be released;
15	providing an effective date.
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17	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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19	Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 119.0712, Florida
20	Statutes, is amended to read:
21	119.0712 Executive branch agency-specific exemptions
22	from inspection or copying of public records
23	(2) DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES
24	(a) Personal information contained in a motor vehicle
25	record that identifies the subject of that record is exempt
26	from s. $119.07(1)$ and s. $24(a)$ , Art. I of the State
27	Constitution except as provided in this section. Personal
28	information includes, but is not limited to, the subject's
29	social security number, driver identification number,
30	identification card number, name, address, telephone number,
31	and medical or disability information. For purposes of this
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1 subsection, personal information does not include information 2 relating to vehicular crashes, driving violations, and driver's status. For purposes of this subsection, the term 3 "motor vehicle record" means any record that pertains to a 4 5 motor vehicle operator's permit, motor vehicle title, motor 6 vehicle registration, or identification card issued by the 7 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Personal information contained in motor vehicle records exempted by 8 this subsection shall be released by the department for any of 9 the following uses: 10 1.(a) For use in connection with matters of motor 11 12 vehicle or driver safety and theft; motor vehicle emissions; 13 motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories; performance monitoring of motor vehicles and dealers by motor 14 vehicle manufacturers; and removal of nonowner records from 15 the original owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers, to 16 17 carry out the purposes of Titles I and IV of the Anti-Car 18 Theft Act of 1992, the Automobile Information Disclosure Act, 15 U.S.C. ss. 1231 et seq., the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 19 7401 et seq., and chapters 301, 305, and 321-331 of Title 49 20 21 U.S.C. the Automobile Information Disclosure Act, the Motor 22 Vehicle Information and Cost Saving Act, the National Traffic 23 and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, the Anti Car Theft Act of 1992, and the Clean Air Act. 2.4 25 2.(b) For use by any government agency, including any 26 court or law enforcement agency, in carrying out its 27 functions, or any private person or entity acting on behalf of 2.8 a federal, state, or local agency in carrying out its 29 functions. 30 3.(c) For use in connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and theft; motor vehicle emissions; 31 2

1 motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories; 2 performance monitoring of motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts, and dealers; motor vehicle market research activities, 3 including survey research; and removal of nonowner records 4 5 from the original owner records of motor vehicle 6 manufacturers. 7 4.(d) For use in the normal course of business by a 8 legitimate business or its agents, employees, or contractors, 9 but only: 10 a.1. To verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by the individual to the business or its agents, 11 12 employees, or contractors; and 13 b.2. If such information as so submitted is not correct or is no longer correct, to obtain the correct 14 information, but only for the purposes of preventing fraud by, 15 pursuing legal remedies against, or recovering on a debt or 16 17 security interest against, the individual. 18 5.(e) For use in connection with any civil, criminal, administrative, or arbitral proceeding in any court or agency 19 or before any self-regulatory body for: 2.0 21 a.1. Service of process by any certified process 22 server, special process server, or other person authorized to 23 serve process in this state. <u>b.2.</u> Investigation in anticipation of litigation by an 2.4 attorney licensed to practice law in this state or the agent 25 26 of the attorney; however, the information may not be used for 27 mass commercial solicitation of clients for litigation against 2.8 motor vehicle dealers. c.3. Investigation by any person in connection with 29 30 any filed proceeding; however, the information may not be used 31

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1 for mass commercial solicitation of clients for litigation 2 against motor vehicle dealers. d.4. Execution or enforcement of judgments and orders. 3 4 e.5. Compliance with an order of any court. 6.(f) For use in research activities and for use in 5 6 producing statistical reports, so long as the personal 7 information is not published, redisclosed, or used to contact 8 individuals. 9 7.(g) For use by any insurer or insurance support organization, or by a self-insured entity, or its agents, 10 employees, or contractors, in connection with claims 11 12 investigation activities, anti-fraud activities, rating, or 13 underwriting. 8.(h) For use in providing notice to the owners of 14 towed or impounded vehicles. 15 9.(i) For use by any licensed private investigative 16 17 agency or licensed security service for any purpose permitted under this subsection. Personal information obtained based on 18 an exempt driver's record may not be provided to a client who 19 cannot demonstrate a need based on a police report, court 20 21 order, or business or personal relationship with the subject 22 of the investigation. 23 10.(i) For use by an employer or its agent or insurer to obtain or verify information relating to a holder of a 2.4 commercial driver's license that is required under 49 U.S.C. 25 26 ss. 31301 et seq. 27 11.(k) For use in connection with the operation of 2.8 private toll transportation facilities. 29 <u>12.(1)</u> For bulk distribution for surveys, marketing, 30 or solicitations when the department has obtained the express 31

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1	consent of the person to whom such personal information
2	pertains.
3	<u>13.(m)</u> For any use if the requesting person
4	demonstrates that he or she has obtained the written consent
5	of the person who is the subject of the motor vehicle record.
6	<u>14.(n)</u> For any other use specifically authorized by
7	state law, if such use is related to the operation of a motor
8	vehicle or public safety.
9	15.(0) For any other use if the person to whom the
10	information pertains has given express consent <u>in a format</u> <del>on</del>
11	a form prescribed by the department. Such consent shall remain
12	in effect until it is revoked by the person on a form
13	prescribed by the department.
14	(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), without the express
15	consent of the person to whom such information applies, the
16	following information contained in motor vehicle records may
17	be released only as specified in this paragraph:
18	1. Notwithstanding s. 119.071(5)(a), social security
19	numbers may be released only as provided in subparagraphs
20	(a)2., 5., 7., and 10.
21	2. An individual's photograph or image may be released
22	only as provided in s. 322.142.
23	3. Medical disability information may be released only
24	<u>as provided in ss. 322.125 and 322.126.</u>
25	4. Emergency contact information held by the
26	department may be released in the event of an emergency only
27	to a law enforcement agency for purposes of contacting persons
28	listed in that information and may not be released for any
29	other purpose.
30	(c) The restrictions on disclosure of personal
31	information provided by this subsection shall not in any way

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1 affect the use of organ donation information on individual 2 driver licenses or affect the administration of organ donation initiatives in this state. Personal information exempted from 3 public disclosure according to this subsection may be 4 5 disclosed by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor 6 Vehicles to an individual, firm, corporation, or similar 7 business entity whose primary business interest is to resell 8 or redisclose the personal information to persons who are authorized to receive such information. Prior to the 9 department's disclosure of personal information, such 10 individual, firm, corporation, or similar business entity must 11 12 first enter into a contract with the department regarding the 13 care, custody, and control of the personal information to ensure compliance with the federal Driver's Privacy Protection 14 Act of 1994 and applicable state laws. An authorized recipient 15 of personal information contained in a motor vehicle record, 16 17 except a recipient under subparagraph (a)12. paragraph (1), 18 may contract with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to resell or redisclose the information for any use 19 permitted under this section. However, only authorized 20 21 recipients of personal information under <u>subparagraph (a)12.</u> 22 paragraph (1) may resell or redisclose personal information 23 pursuant to subparagraph (a)12. paragraph (1). Any authorized recipient who resells or rediscloses personal information 2.4 shall maintain, for a period of 5 years, records identifying 25 26 each person or entity that receives the personal information 27 and the permitted purpose for which it will be used. Such 2.8 records shall be made available for inspection upon request by 29 the department. The department shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this subsection and the federal Driver's 30 Privacy Protection Act of 1994, 18 U.S.C. ss. 2721 et seq. 31

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1 Rules adopted by the department shall provide for the payment 2 of applicable fees and, prior to the disclosure of personal 3 information pursuant to this subsection, shall require the 4 meeting of conditions by the requesting person for the 5 purposes of obtaining reasonable assurance concerning the б identity of such requesting person, and, to the extent 7 required, assurance that the use will be only as authorized or 8 that the consent of the person who is the subject of the personal information has been obtained. Such conditions may 9 10 include, but need not be limited to, the making and filing of a written application in such form and containing such 11 12 information and certification requirements as the department 13 requires. Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a 14 15 law. 16 17 18 SENATE SUMMARY 19 Revises and clarifies certain requirements governing the release of motor vehicle records held by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Specifies 20 circumstances under which social security numbers, 21 photographs and images, medical disability information, and emergency contact information may be released. 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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