Florida Senate - 2007

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Jones

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to motor vehicle financial
3	responsibility; creating s. 324.023, F.S.;
4	requiring proof of increased financial
5	responsibility for bodily injury or death
6	caused by owners or operators found guilty of a
7	DUI offense or who had a license or driving
8	privilege revoked or suspended under a
9	specified provision; amending ss. 316.646 and
10	320.02, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending
11	s. 627.733, F.S.; providing an additional
12	cross-reference concerning motor vehicle
13	security following motor vehicle license or
14	registration suspension; providing an effective
15	date.
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17	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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19	Section 1. Section 324.023, Florida Statutes, is
20	created to read:
21	324.023 Financial responsibility for bodily injury or
22	deathIn addition to any other financial responsibility
23	required by law, every owner or operator of a motor vehicle
24	that is required to be registered in this state, or that is
25	located within this state, and who has been found quilty of a
26	charge of DUI pursuant to s. 316.193 after October 1, 2007,
27	shall, by one of the methods established in s. 324.031(1),
28	(2), or (3), establish and maintain the ability to respond in
29	damages for liability on account of accidents arising out of
30	the use of a motor vehicle in the amount of \$100,000 because
31	of bodily injury to, or death of, one person in any one crash

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1 and, subject to such limits for one person, in the amount of \$300,000 because of bodily injury to, or death of, two or more 2 persons in any one crash and in the amount of \$50,000 because 3 of property damage in any one crash. If the owner or operator 4 chooses to establish and maintain such ability by posting a 5 6 bond or furnishing a certificate of deposit pursuant to s. 7 324.031(2) or (3), such bond or certificate of deposit must be 8 in an amount not less than \$350,000. Section 2. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 316.646, 9 10 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 316.646 Security required; proof of security and 11 12 display thereof; dismissal of cases.--13 (1) Any person required by s. 324.023 to maintain liability security for bodily injury or death or any person 14 required by s. 627.733 to maintain personal injury protection 15 security on a motor vehicle shall have in his or her immediate 16 17 possession at all times while operating such motor vehicle proper proof of maintenance of the required security required 18 by s. 627.733. Such proof shall be either a uniform 19 proof-of-insurance card in a form prescribed by the 20 21 department, a valid insurance policy, an insurance policy 22 binder, a certificate of insurance, or such other proof as may 23 be prescribed by the department. (3) Any person who violates this section commits is 2.4 guilty of a nonmoving traffic infraction subject to the 25 penalty provided in chapter 318 and shall be required to 26 27 furnish proof of security as provided in this section. If any 2.8 person charged with a violation of this section fails to furnish proof, at or before the scheduled court appearance 29 date, that security was in effect at the time of the 30 violation, the court may immediately suspend the registration 31 2

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1 and driver's license of such person. Such license and 2 registration may only be reinstated as provided in s. 627.733. Section 3. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (5) of 3 section 320.02, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 4 5 320.02 Registration required; application for б registration; forms.--7 (5)(a) Proof that personal injury protection benefits 8 have been purchased when required under s. 627.733, that property damage liability coverage has been purchased as 9 required under s. 324.022, that bodily injury or death 10 coverage has been purchased if required under s. 324.023, and 11 12 that combined bodily liability insurance and property damage 13 liability insurance have been purchased when required under s. 627.7415 shall be provided in the manner prescribed by law by 14 the applicant at the time of application for registration of 15 any motor vehicle owned as defined in s. 627.732. The issuing 16 17 agent shall refuse to issue registration if such proof of purchase is not provided. Insurers shall furnish uniform 18 proof-of-purchase cards in a form prescribed by the department 19 and shall include the name of the insured's insurance company, 20 21 the coverage identification number, the make, year, and 22 vehicle identification number of the vehicle insured. The card 23 shall contain a statement notifying the applicant of the penalty specified in s. 316.646(4). The card or insurance 2.4 policy, insurance policy binder, or certificate of insurance 25 26 or a photocopy of any of these; an affidavit containing the 27 name of the insured's insurance company, the insured's policy 2.8 number, and the make and year of the vehicle insured; or such 29 other proof as may be prescribed by the department shall 30 constitute sufficient proof of purchase. If an affidavit is 31

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   provided as proof, it shall be in substantially the following
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    form:
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   Under penalty of perjury, I ... (Name of insured)... do hereby
   certify that I have ... (Personal Injury Protection, Property
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   Damage Liability, and, when required, Bodily Injury
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   Liability)... Insurance currently in effect with ... (Name of
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    insurance company)... under ... (policy number)... covering
    ... (make, year, and vehicle identification number of
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    vehicle).... (Signature of Insured)...
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   Such affidavit shall include the following warning:
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   WARNING: GIVING FALSE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A VEHICLE
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   REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE UNDER FLORIDA
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   LAW. ANYONE GIVING FALSE INFORMATION ON THIS AFFIDAVIT IS
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    SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION.
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    When an application is made through a licensed motor vehicle
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   dealer as required in s. 319.23, the original or a photostatic
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    copy of such card, insurance policy, insurance policy binder,
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   or certificate of insurance or the original affidavit from the
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    insured shall be forwarded by the dealer to the tax collector
    of the county or the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
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   Vehicles for processing. By executing the aforesaid
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   affidavit, no licensed motor vehicle dealer will be liable in
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   damages for any inadequacy, insufficiency, or falsification of
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   any statement contained therein. A card shall also indicate
    the existence of any bodily injury liability insurance
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   voluntarily purchased.
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1	(b) When an operator who owns a motor vehicle is
2	subject to the financial responsibility requirements of
3	chapter 324, including <u>ss.</u> s. 324.022 <u>and 324.023</u> , such
4	operator shall provide proof of compliance with such financial
5	responsibility requirements at the time of registration of any
б	such motor vehicle by one of the methods constituting
7	sufficient proof of purchase under paragraph (a). The issuing
8	agent shall refuse to register a motor vehicle if such proof
9	of purchase is not provided or if one of the other methods of
10	proving financial responsibility as set forth in s. 324.031 is
11	not met.
12	Section 4. Subsection (7) of section 627.733, Florida
13	Statutes, is amended to read:
14	627.733 Required security
15	(7) Any operator or owner whose driver's license or
16	registration has been suspended pursuant to this section or s.
17	316.646 may effect its reinstatement upon compliance with the
18	requirements of this section and upon payment to the
19	Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles of a
20	nonrefundable reinstatement fee of \$150 for the first
21	reinstatement. Such reinstatement fee shall be \$250 for the
22	second reinstatement and \$500 for each subsequent
23	reinstatement during the 3 years following the first
24	reinstatement. Any person reinstating her or his insurance
25	under this subsection must also secure noncancelable coverage
26	as described in <u>ss. 324.021(8) and</u> s. 627.7275(2) and present
27	to the appropriate person proof that the coverage is in force
28	on a form promulgated by the Department of Highway Safety and
29	Motor Vehicles, such proof to be maintained for 2 years. If
30	the person does not have a second reinstatement within 3 years
31	after her or his initial reinstatement, the reinstatement fee
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1	shall be \$150 for the first reinstatement after that 3-year
2	period. In the event that a person's license and registration
3	are suspended pursuant to this section or s. 316.646, only one
4	reinstatement fee shall be paid to reinstate the license and
5	the registration. All fees shall be collected by the
б	Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles at the time of
7	reinstatement. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor
8	Vehicles shall issue proper receipts for such fees and shall
9	promptly deposit those fees in the Highway Safety Operating
10	Trust Fund. One-third of the fee collected under this
11	subsection shall be distributed from the Highway Safety
12	Operating Trust Fund to the local government entity or state
13	agency which employed the law enforcement officer who seizes a
14	license plate pursuant to s. 324.201. Such funds may be used
15	by the local government entity or state agency for any
16	authorized purpose.
17	Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
18	law.
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20	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
21	Senate Bill 846
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23	The committee substitute (CS) makes the provisions of the bill applicable only to those found guilty of a DUI after October
24	1, 2007. The CS deletes the retroactive provision of the new limits.
25	The CS requires tax collector employees to verify that BI
26	insurance has been purchased by a person required to do so under s. 324.023, F.S., at the time the person applies for a
27	vehicle registration or registration renewal.
28	The CS corrects an incorrect reference to a conforming provision.
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