

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Hillsborough County; amending chapter
 3 2001-299, Laws of Florida, relating to the Public
 4 Transportation Commission; providing for certain national
 5 criminal history background checks; authorizing the
 6 issuance of temporary public vehicle driver's licenses;
 7 providing for an exception to a public driver's license
 8 requirement; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Paragraphs (ee) and (kk) of subsection (2) of
 13 section 5 and paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 8 of
 14 chapter 2001-299, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

15 Section 5. Commission powers, mandatory and
 16 discretionary.--

17 (2) The commission has the power to:

18 (ee) Request and receive criminal history record
 19 information for the purpose of screening applicants for
 20 certificates and public vehicle driver's licenses and pay a fee
 21 for any such record. Such record information may include a
 22 national criminal history records check with the Federal Bureau
 23 of Investigation. The fingerprints may be submitted by the
 24 commission to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)
 25 for state processing, and the department shall forward them to
 26 the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal
 27 history records check. Fingerprint searches against the
 28 terrorist database must be specified as such. All costs

29 associated with transmittal and processing shall be borne by the
 30 commission, the employer, or the person subject to the
 31 background check. The FDLE shall invoice the commission for the
 32 fingerprints submitted each month. The commission shall screen
 33 background results to determine if an applicant meets licensure
 34 requirements.

35 (kk) Issue, or authorize its director, or any interim
 36 director, to issue and reissue, for good cause and without the
 37 necessity of notice or public hearing, temporary permits to
 38 existing certificate holders and temporary public vehicle
 39 driver's licenses provided that such temporary permits and
 40 temporary public vehicle driver's licenses shall be issued for a
 41 period of time not to exceed 7 days. Upon showing of good cause,
 42 temporary permits or temporary public vehicle driver's licenses
 43 may be reissued, but shall not be reissued more than four 4
 44 successive 7-day ~~seven-day~~ periods without commission approval.
 45 Issuance of a temporary permit or a temporary public vehicle
 46 driver's license pursuant to the provisions of this section
 47 shall not in any way be construed as a commitment to issue a
 48 permanent permit or annual public vehicle driver's license. No
 49 action taken by the commission, or by the director or any
 50 interim director if so authorized, shall be construed to estop
 51 the commission from subsequently denying an application for a
 52 permanent permit or annual public vehicle driver's license.

53 Section 8. Public vehicle driver's license.--

54 (5) Each public vehicle driver's license:

55 (b) Shall be valid for 1 year and may be renewed annually
 56 for 1 additional year when the commission finds no criminal or

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57 | traffic violations during the period of the expiring license. If
58 | the investigation reveals such violations, the license shall not
59 | be valid for more than 60 days, providing further, however, that
60 | temporary public vehicle driver's licenses are exempt from this
61 | paragraph.

62 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.