

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. All costs associated with transmittal and
 28 processing shall be borne by the commission, the employer, or

29 the person subject to the background check. The FDLE shall
 30 invoice the commission for the fingerprints submitted each
 31 month. The commission shall screen background results to
 32 determine if an applicant meets licensure requirements.

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

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

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

53 (b) Shall be valid for 1 year and may be renewed annually
 54 for 1 additional year when the commission finds no criminal or
 55 traffic violations during the period of the expiring license. If
 56 the investigation reveals such violations, the license shall not

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57 | be valid for more than 60 days, providing further, however, that
58 | temporary public vehicle driver's licenses are exempt from this
59 | paragraph.

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