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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to state infrastructure; amending s. 3 201.15, F.S.; revising the amount of funds from certain taxes distributed to the State Transportation Trust Fund; 4 5 providing for revised funding levels for Department of Transportation projects; deleting a provision for 6 7 distributing certain amounts to the Grants and Donations 8 Trust Fund in the Department of Community Affairs for 9 certain purposes; amending s. 215.211, F.S.; providing for specified service charges on certain revenues distributed 10 to the State Transportation Trust Fund; revising 11 provisions for funds to be used to fund the County 12 Incentive Grant Program and the Small County Outreach 13 Program; amending s. 311.09, F.S.; revising provisions for 14 evaluation, approval, and funding of seaport projects; 15 16 revising duties and responsibilities of the Florida 17 Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council; amending s. 316.251, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference to 18 19 changes made by the act; amending s. 318.15, F.S.; 20 increasing the nonrefundable service charge paid to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or to the 21 clerk of the court to reinstate a suspended driver's 22 license and privilege to drive; providing for disposition 23 of proceeds collected; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; 24 25 increasing the additional civil penalty for late payment 26 of civil traffic penalties; providing for distribution and use of moneys collected; directing a portion of the moneys 27 collected be used to recruit and retain officers of the 28 Page 1 of 44

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Florida Highway Patrol; amending s. 319.001, F.S.; 29 30 defining the term "certificate of title"; amending s. 319.40, F.S.; authorizing the issuance of electronic motor 31 vehicle titles in lieu of paper motor vehicle titles; 32 authorizing the department to collect and use e-mail 33 addresses of motor vehicle owners and registrants as a 34 35 notification method; amending ss. 320.04 and 320.06, F.S.; 36 providing for distribution of certain moneys collected 37 relating to registration of motor vehicles and mobile homes; amending s. 320.08, F.S.; revises uses of certain 38 motorcycle and moped license tax fees; amending ss. 39 320.0805 and 320.08056, F.S.; providing for disposition of 40 certain specialty license plate processing fees; amending 41 s. 320.20, F.S.; providing for distribution of certain 42 proceeds from license tax fees; amending s. 320.203, F.S., 43 44 relating to disposition of biennial license tax moneys; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending 45 s. 320.95, F.S.; authorizing the department to collect and 46 47 use e-mail addresses of motor vehicle owners and registrants as a notification method; amending s. 322.025, 48 F.S.; revising provisions for funding of certain driver 49 improvement programs; amending s. 322.0255, F.S.; 50 eliminating requirements for motorcycle safety education 51 course reimbursements; amending s. 322.17, F.S.; revising 52 53 disposition of proceeds from fees for duplicate and 54 replacement certificates; repealing s. 322.181, F.S., relating to a study of effects of aging on driving 55 ability; eliminating the Florida At-Risk Driver Council; 56 Page 2 of 44

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57 amending s. 322.21, F.S.; increasing the service fees for 58 reinstating a suspended or revoked driver's license or 59 commercial motor vehicle license; revising provisions for distribution and use of the funds received; requiring that 60 a certain amount of the funds be used to establish a 61 recruitment and retention salary payment plan for officers 62 63 of the Florida Highway Patrol; amending s. 322.29, F.S., relating to the surrender and return of a license; 64 65 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending 66 s. 324.071, F.S.; providing for distribution of driver's license reinstatement fees; amending s. 328.30, F.S.; 67 authorizing the use of electronic mail for distribution of 68 vessel titles; authorizing the department to collect and 69 use e-mail addresses of vessel owners and registrants as a 70 notification method; amending s. 328.80, F.S.; authorizing 71 72 the department to accept certain applications by electronic or telephonic means; authorizing the department 73 to collect and use e-mail addresses of vessel owners and 74 75 registrants as a notification method; amending s. 334.044, 76 F.S.; revising duties of the Department of Transportation; removing certain roadside beautification provisions; 77 amending s. 339.135, F.S.; providing for use of 78 transportation revenues; providing for revised funding 79 levels for Department of Transportation projects; amending 80 ss. 403.890, 403.891, and 501.976, F.S.; conforming cross-81 82 references to changes made by the act; amending s. 1013.63, F.S.; revising provisions for funding the 83 University Concurrency Trust Fund within the Department of 84 Page 3 of 44

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85 Education; transferring the Office of Motor Carrier 86 Compliance to the Division of the Florida Highway Patrol 87 of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; directing the Division of Statutory Revision of the Office 88 of Legislative Services to prepare a reviser's bill to 89 conform the Florida Statutes to organizational changes 90 91 made by the act; providing an effective date. 92 93 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 94 95 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 201.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 96 201.15 Distribution of taxes collected.--All taxes 97 collected under this chapter shall be distributed as follows and 98 99 shall be subject to the service charge imposed in s. 215.20(1), 100 except that such service charge shall not be levied against any portion of taxes pledged to debt service on bonds to the extent 101 that the amount of the service charge is required to pay any 102 103 amounts relating to the bonds: Sixty-two and sixty-three hundredths percent of the 104 (1)105 remaining taxes collected under this chapter shall be used for 106 the following purposes: 107 The remainder of the moneys distributed under this (d) 108 subsection, after the required payments under paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), shall be paid into the State Treasury to the 109 110 credit of: The State Transportation Trust Fund in the Department 111 1. of Transportation in the amount of \$326.75 \$541.75 million in 112 Page 4 of 44

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each fiscal year, to be paid in quarterly installments and used for the following specified purposes, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary:

a. For the purposes of capital funding for the New Starts
Transit Program, authorized by Title 49, U.S.C. s. 5309 and
specified in s. 341.051, 10 percent of these funds;

b. For the purposes of the Small County Outreach Programspecified in s. 339.2818, 5 percent of these funds;

c. For the purposes of the Strategic Intermodal System
specified in ss. 339.61, 339.62, 339.63, and 339.64, 75 percent
of these funds after allocating for the New Starts Transit
Program described in sub-subparagraph a. and the Small County
Outreach Program described in sub-subparagraph b.; and

d. For the purposes of the Transportation Regional
Incentive Program specified in s. 339.2819, 25 percent of these
funds after allocating for the New Starts Transit Program
described in sub-subparagraph a. and the Small County Outreach
Program described in sub-subparagraph b.

2. 131 Notwithstanding sub-subparagraphs 1.a.-d. and s. 339.135(4)(a)1., in fiscal years 2008-2009 through 2009-2010, 132 133 the Department of Transportation shall ensure, to the maximum 134 extent practicable, that projects that have been advertised for 135 contract lettings for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, are not impacted by revised funding levels provided in 136 137 subparagraph 1. 3. Notwithstanding sub-subparagraphs 1.a.-d. and s. 138 339.135(4)(a)1., in fiscal years 2008-2009 through 2012-2013, as 139 a result of reduced revenues, the Department of Transportation 140

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141 shall reduce work program levels to balance the finance plan to 142 the revised funding levels described in subparagraph 1. Prior to 143 any project or phase thereof being deferred, these reductions 144 shall be made to financial projects not programmed for contract 145 letting as identified with a work program contract class code 8 146 and the box code RV. These reductions shall not negatively 147 impact safety, preservation, maintenance, or project contingency levels as of July 1, 2008. 148 4.2. For the 2007-2008 fiscal year and each fiscal year 149 150 thereafter, the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund in the Department of Environmental Protection in the 151 152 amount of \$80 million in each fiscal year, to be paid in quarterly installments and used as required by s. 403.890. 153 154 3. The Grants and Donations Trust Fund in the Department 155 of Community Affairs in the amount of \$3.25 million in each 156 fiscal year to be paid in monthly installments, with \$3 million 157 to be used to fund technical assistance to local governments and 158 school boards on the requirements and implementation of this act 159 and \$250,000 to be used to fund the Century Commission 160 established in s. 163.3247. 161 5. Moneys distributed pursuant to this paragraph may not be pledged for debt service unless such pledge is approved by 162 163 referendum of the voters. Section 2. Section 215.211, Florida Statutes, is amended 164 to read: 165 215.211 Service charge; elimination or reduction for 166 specified proceeds. --167

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168 Effective July 1, 2008 Notwithstanding the provisions (1)169 of s. 215.20(1) and (3), the service charge provided in s. 215.20(1) and (3) shall be, which is deducted from the proceeds 170 171 of the taxes distributed under ss. 206.606(1), 207.026, 172 212.0501(6), and 319.32(5) and from, shall be eliminated 173 beginning July 1, 2000. 174 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 215.20(1) and 175 (3), the service charge provided in s. 215.20(1) and (3), which 176 is deducted from the proceeds of the taxes distributed under ss. 206.608 and 320.072(4), shall be eliminated beginning July 1, 177 2001. 178 179 (2) (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 215.20(1), the 180 service charge provided in s. 215.20(1), which is deducted from 181 the proceeds of the local option fuel tax distributed under s. 182 336.025, shall be reduced as follows: 183 (a) For the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, 184 the rate of the service charge shall be 3.5 percent. 185 (b) Beginning July 1, 2006, and thereafter, no service 186 charge provided in s. 215.20(1) shall be deducted from the 187 proceeds of the local option fuel tax distributed under s. 188 336.025. 189 From revenues derived from s. 336.025, excluding (3) 190 revenues derived from s. 336.025(1)(b), an amount equal to 7 percent of those revenues The increased revenues derived from 191 this subsection shall be deposited in the State Transportation 192 Trust Fund and used to fund the County Incentive Grant Program 193 and the Small County Outreach Program. Up to 20 percent of such 194 195 funds shall be used for the purpose of implementing the Small Page 7 of 44

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196 County Outreach Program as provided in this act. Notwithstanding 197 any other laws to the contrary, the requirements of ss. 339.135, 198 339.155, and 339.175 shall not apply to these funds and 199 programs.

200 Section 3. Section 311.09, Florida Statutes is amended to 201 read:

311.09 Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic
 Development Council.--

204 (1)The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic 205 Development Council is created within the Department of 206 Transportation. The council consists of the following 17 members: the port director, or the port director's designee, of 207 each of the ports of Jacksonville, Port Canaveral, Fort Pierce, 208 209 Palm Beach, Port Everglades, Miami, Port Manatee, St. 210 Petersburg, Tampa, Port St. Joe, Panama City, Pensacola, Key 211 West, and Fernandina; the secretary of the Department of Transportation or his or her designee; the director of the 212 213 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development or his or her 214 designee; and the secretary of the Department of Community Affairs or his or her designee. 215

(2) The council shall adopt bylaws governing the manner in
which the business of the council will be conducted. The bylaws
shall specify the procedure by which the chairperson of the
council is elected.

(3) The council shall prepare a 5-year Florida Seaport
 Mission Plan defining the goals and objectives of the council
 concerning the development of port facilities and an intermodal
 transportation system consistent with the goals of the Florida
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224 Transportation Plan developed pursuant to s. 339.155. The 225 Florida Seaport Mission Plan shall include specific 226 recommendations for the construction of transportation 227 facilities connecting any port to another transportation mode 228 and for the efficient, cost-effective development of 229 transportation facilities or port facilities for the purpose of 230 enhancing international trade, promoting cargo flow, increasing cruise passenger movements, increasing port revenues, and 231 232 providing economic benefits to the state. The council shall 233 update the 5-year Florida Seaport Mission Plan annually and 234 shall submit the plan no later than February 1 of each year to the President of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of 235 Representatives; the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic 236 237 Development; the Department of Transportation; and the 238 Department of Community Affairs. The council shall develop 239 programs, based on an examination of existing programs in 240 Florida and other states, for the training of minorities and secondary school students in job skills associated with 241 242 employment opportunities in the maritime industry, and report on 243 progress and recommendations for further action to the President 244 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives 245 annually.

(4) The <u>department</u> council shall adopt rules for
evaluating projects which may be funded under ss. 311.07 and
320.20. The rules shall provide criteria for evaluating the
economic benefit of the project, measured by the potential for
the proposed project to maintain or increase cargo flow, cruise
passenger movement, international commerce, port revenues, and
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252 the number of jobs for the port's local community.

253 (5) The council shall review and approve or disapprove 254 each project eligible to be funded pursuant to the Florida 255 Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program. The 256 council shall annually recommend submit to the Secretary of 257 Transportation; the director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, 258 and Economic Development; and the Secretary of Community Affairs 259 a list of projects for approval which have been approved by the 260 council. The list shall specify the recommended funding level 261 for each project; and, if staged implementation of the project 262 is appropriate, the funding requirements for each stage shall be specified. The council may submit to the department a list of 263 approved projects that could be made production-ready within the 264 265 next 2 years. The list shall be submitted as part of the needs 266 and project list prepared pursuant to s. 339.135.

267 (6) The Department of Community Affairs shall review the list of projects approved by the council to determine 268 269 consistency with approved local government comprehensive plans 270 of the units of local government in which the port is located and consistency with the port master plan. The Department of 271 272 Community Affairs shall identify and notify the Department of 273 Transportation council of those projects which are not 274 consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with such 275 comprehensive plans and port master plans.

(7) The Department of Transportation shall review the list
of projects <u>submitted</u> approved by the council for consistency
with the Florida Transportation Plan and the department's
adopted work program. In evaluating the consistency of a

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280 project, the department shall determine whether the 281 transportation impact of the proposed project is adequately handled by existing state-owned transportation facilities or by 282 the construction of additional state-owned transportation 283 284 facilities as identified in the Florida Transportation Plan and 285 the department's adopted work program. In reviewing for 286 consistency a transportation facility project as defined in s. 334.03(31) which is not otherwise part of the department's work 287 288 program, the department shall evaluate whether the project is 289 needed to provide for projected movement of cargo or passengers 290 from the port to a state transportation facility or local road. If the project is needed to provide for projected movement of 291 cargo or passengers, the project shall be approved for 292 293 consistency as a consideration to facilitate the economic 294 development and growth of the state in a timely manner. The 295 Department of Transportation shall identify those projects which 296 are inconsistent with the Florida Transportation Plan and the 297 adopted work program and shall notify the council of projects 298 found to be inconsistent.

The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic 299 (8) 300 Development, in consultation with Enterprise Florida, Inc., 301 shall review the list of projects submitted approved by the 302 council to evaluate the economic benefit of the project and to determine whether the project is consistent with the Florida 303 Seaport Mission Plan. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic 304 Development shall review the economic benefits of each project 305 based upon the rules adopted pursuant to subsection (4). The 306 307 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall

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308 identify those projects which it has determined do not offer an 309 economic benefit to the state or are not consistent with the 310 Florida Seaport Mission Plan and shall notify the <u>Department of</u> 311 Transportation council of its findings.

312 The Department of Transportation council shall review (9) 313 the findings of the Department of Community Affairs and; the 314 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development; and the Department of Transportation. Projects found to be inconsistent 315 pursuant to subsections (6), (7), and (8) and projects which 316 have been determined not to offer an economic benefit to the 317 318 state pursuant to subsection (8) shall not be included in the list of projects to be funded. 319

The Department of Transportation shall include in its 320 (10)321 annual legislative budget request a Florida Seaport 322 Transportation and Economic Development grant program for 323 expenditure of funds of not less than \$8 million per year. Such 324 budget shall include funding for projects approved by the 325 Department of Transportation council which have been determined 326 by each agency to be consistent and which have been determined by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to be 327 328 economically beneficial. The council may submit to the 329 department a list of approved projects that could be made production ready within the next 2 years. The list shall be 330 331 submitted as part of the needs and project list prepared 332 pursuant to s. 339.135. The council shall meet at the call of its 333 (11)

334 chairperson, at the request of a majority of its membership, or 335 at such times as may be prescribed in its bylaws. However, the Page 12 of 44

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336 council must meet at least semiannually. A majority of voting 337 members of the council constitutes a quorum for the purpose of transacting the business of the council. All members of the 338 339 council are voting members. A vote of the majority of the voting 340 members present is sufficient for any action of the council_{au} 341 except that a member representing the Department of 342 Transportation, the Department of Community Affairs, or the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may vote to 343 344 overrule any action of the council approving a project pursuant 345 to subsection (5). The bylaws of the council may require a greater vote for a particular action. 346

Members of the council shall serve without 347 (12)348 compensation but are entitled to receive reimbursement for per 349 diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061. The council 350 may elect to provide an administrative staff to provide services 351 to the council on matters relating to the Florida Seaport 352 Transportation and Economic Development Program and the council. 353 The cost for such administrative services shall be established 354 in the bylaws of the council, except that no federal or state revenues shall be used for such administrative service paid by 355 356 all ports that receive funding from the Florida Seaport 357 Transportation and Economic Development Program, based upon a 358 pro rata formula measured by each recipient's share of the funds 359 as compared to the total funds disbursed to all recipients 360 during the year. The share of costs for administrative services 361 shall be paid in its total amount by the recipient port upon execution by the port and the Department of Transportation of a 362 joint participation agreement for each council approved project, 363 Page 13 of 44

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364 and such payment is in addition to the matching funds required 365 to be paid by the recipient port. Except as otherwise exempted by law, all moneys derived from the Florida Seaport 366 367 Transportation and Economic Development Program shall be 368 expended in accordance with the provisions of s. 287.057. 369 Seaports subject to competitive negotiation requirements of a 370 local governing body shall abide by the provisions of s. 371 287.055.

372 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 316.251, Florida373 Statutes, is amended to read:

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316.251 Maximum bumper heights.--

(2) "New motor vehicles" as defined in s. 319.001(9)(8),
"antique automobiles" as defined in s. 320.08, "horseless
carriages" as defined in s. 320.086, and "street rods" as
defined in s. 320.0863 shall be excluded from the requirements
of this section.

380 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 318.15, Florida381 Statutes, is amended to read:

382 318.15 Failure to comply with civil penalty or to appear;383 penalty.--

384 After suspension of the driver's license and privilege (2) 385 to drive of a person under subsection (1), the license and 386 privilege may not be reinstated until the person complies with 387 all obligations and penalties imposed on him or her under s. 318.18 and presents to a driver license office a certificate of 388 compliance issued by the court, together with a nonrefundable 389 service charge of up to \$60 \$47.50 imposed under s. 322.29, or 390 presents a certificate of compliance and pays the aforementioned 391 Page 14 of 44

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392 service charge of up to \$60 $\frac{$47.50}{100}$ to the clerk of the court or 393 a driver licensing agent authorized in s. 322.135 clearing such suspension. Of the charge collected by the clerk of the court or 394 395 driver licensing agent, \$10 shall be remitted to the Department 396 of Revenue to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating 397 Trust Fund and \$12.50 shall be remitted to the Department of 398 Revenue to be deposited into the Department of Highway Safety 399 and Motor Vehicles Law Enforcement Trust Fund. Such person shall 400 also be in compliance with requirements of chapter 322 prior to reinstatement. 401

402 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section 403 318.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318.18 Amount of penalties.--The penalties required for a
noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal
offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows:

407 (8)(a) Any person who fails to comply with the court's 408 requirements or who fails to pay the civil penalties specified 409 in this section within the 30-day period provided for in s. 410 318.14 must pay an additional civil penalty of \$20 $\frac{$12}{$12}$, \$2.50 of which must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit 411 412 in the General Revenue Fund, and \$9.50 of which must be remitted 413 to the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and \$8 of which must be remitted to the 414 415 Department of Revenue to be deposited into the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Law Enforcement Trust Fund. 416 417 The portion of each additional civil penalty imposed by this paragraph remitted to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor 418 Vehicles Law Enforcement Trust Fund shall be used to recruit and 419

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420 retain officers of the Florida Highway Patrol, which includes 421 all career service levels of rank. The department shall contract 422 with the Florida Association of Court Clerks, Inc., to design, 423 establish, operate, upgrade, and maintain an automated statewide 424 Uniform Traffic Citation Accounting System to be operated by the 425 clerks of the court which shall include, but not be limited to, 426 the accounting for traffic infractions by type, a record of the disposition of the citations, and an accounting system for the 427 428 fines assessed and the subsequent fine amounts paid to the 429 clerks of the court. On or before December 1, 2001, the clerks 430 of the court must provide the information required by this chapter to be transmitted to the department by electronic 431 transmission pursuant to the contract. 432

433 Section 7. Subsections (1) through (11) of section 434 319.001, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2) 435 through (12), respectively, and a new subsection (1) is added to 436 that section to read:

319.001 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the term:
(1) "Certificate of title" means the record that is
evidence of ownership of a vehicle, whether a paper certificate
authorized by the department or a certificate consisting of
information that is stored in an electronic form in the
department's database.

443 Section 8. Section 319.40, Florida Statutes, is amended to 444 read:

319.40 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.- (1) The department is authorized to accept any application
 provided for under this chapter by electronic or telephonic
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448	means.
449	(2) The department may issue an electronic certificate of
450	title in lieu of printing a paper title.
451	(3) The department may collect and use e-mail addresses of
452	motor vehicle owners and registrants as a notification method in
453	lieu of the United States Postal Service.
454	Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
455	320.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
456	320.04 Registration service charge
457	(1)(a) There shall be a service charge of \$2.50 for each
458	application which is handled in connection with original
459	issuance, duplicate issuance, or transfer of any license plate,
460	mobile home sticker, or validation sticker or with transfer or
461	duplicate issuance of any registration certificate. There may
462	also be a service charge of up to \$1 for the issuance of each
463	license plate validation sticker, vessel decal, and mobile home
464	sticker issued from an automated vending facility or printer
465	dispenser machine which shall be collected by the department and
466	immediately deposited into the General Revenue Fund of the state
467	payable to and retained by the department to provide for
468	automated vending facilities or printer dispenser machines used
469	to dispense such stickers and decals by each tax collector's or
470	license tag agent's employee.
471	Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
472	320.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
473	320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and
474	validation stickers generally
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(b) An additional fee of 50 cents shall be collected <u>and</u>
<u>deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund</u> on each
motor vehicle registration or motor vehicle renewal registration
issued in this state in order that all license plates and
validation stickers be fully treated with retroreflective
material.

482 Section 11. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section483 320.08, Florida Statutes is amended to read:

484 320.08 License taxes.--Except as otherwise provided 485 herein, there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes 486 for the operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, motorized bicycles 487 as defined in s. 316.003(2), and mobile homes, as defined in s. 488 320.01, which shall be paid to and collected by the department 489 or its agent upon the registration or renewal of registration of 490 the following:

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(1) MOTORCYCLES and MOPEDS.--

492 Upon registration of any motorcycle, motor-driven (C) 493 cycle, or moped there shall be paid in addition to the license 494 taxes specified in this subsection a nonrefundable motorcycle safety education fee in the amount of \$2.50. The proceeds of 495 496 such additional fee shall be deposited in the Highway Safety 497 Operating Trust Fund and be used exclusively to fund a motorcycle driver improvement program implemented pursuant to s. 498 322.025 or the Florida Motorcycle Safety Education Program 499 established in s. 322.0255 or the general operations of the 500 501 department.

502 Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 320.0805, Florida 503 Statutes, is amended to read:

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504	320.0805 Personalized prestige license plates
505	(2) Each request for specific numbers or letters or
506	combinations thereof shall be submitted annually to the
507	department on an application form supplied by the department,
508	accompanied by the following tax and fees:
509	(a) The license tax required for the vehicle, as set forth
510	in s. 320.08 <u>.</u> ;
511	(b) A prestige plate annual use fee of \$10 <u>.; and</u>
512	(c) A processing fee of \$2, to be deposited into the
513	Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.
514	Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
515	320.08056, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
516	320.08056 Specialty license plates
517	(3) Each request must be made annually to the department,
518	accompanied by the following tax and fees:
519	(b) A processing fee of \$2, to be deposited into the
520	Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.
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522	A request may be made any time during a registration period. If
523	a request is made for a specialty license plate to replace a
524	current valid license plate, the specialty license plate must be
525	issued with appropriate decals attached at no tax for the plate,
526	but all fees and service charges must be paid. When a request is
527	made for a specialty license plate at the beginning of the
528	registration period, the tax, together with all applicable fees
529	and service charges, must be paid.
530	Section 14. Section 320.20, Florida Statutes, is amended
531	to read:
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532 320.20 Disposition of license tax moneys.--The revenue 533 derived from the registration of motor vehicles, including any 534 delinquent fees and excluding those revenues collected and 535 distributed under the provisions of s. 320.081, must be 536 distributed monthly, as collected, as follows:

(1) The first proceeds, to the extent necessary to comply
with the provisions of s. 18, Art. XII of the State Constitution
of 1885, as adopted by s. 9(d), Art. XII, 1968 revised
constitution, and the additional provisions of s. 9(d) and s.
1010.57, must be deposited in the district Capital Outlay and
Debt Service School Trust Fund.

543 (2) Forty-five percent of the proceeds remaining after the
544 distribution in subsection (1) shall be deposited in the
545 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Law Enforcement
546 Trust Fund. These funds shall be used exclusively to fund the
547 general operations of the Florida Highway Patrol within the
548 department.

549 <u>(3)(2)</u> Twenty-five million dollars per year of such 550 revenues must be deposited in the State Transportation Trust 551 Fund, with priority use assigned to completion of the interstate 552 highway system. However, any excess funds may be utilized for 553 general transportation purposes, consistent with the Department 554 of Transportation's legislatively approved objectives.

555 <u>(4)(3)</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of law except 556 subsections (1), (2), and (3) (2), on July 1, 1996, and annually 557 thereafter, \$15 million shall be deposited <u>annually</u> in the State 558 Transportation Trust Fund solely for the purposes of funding the 559 Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program Page 20 of 44

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as provided for in chapter 311. Such revenues shall be distributed on a 50-50 matching basis to any port listed in s. 311.09(1) to be used for funding projects as described in s. 311.07(3)(b). Such revenues may be assigned, pledged, or set aside as a trust for the payment of principal or interest on bonds, tax anticipation certificates, or any other form of indebtedness issued by an individual port or appropriate local government having jurisdiction thereof, or collectively by interlocal agreement among any of the ports, or used to purchase credit support to permit such borrowings. However, such debt shall not constitute a general obligation of the State of Florida. The state does hereby covenant with holders of such revenue bonds or other instruments of indebtedness issued hereunder that it will not repeal or impair or amend in any manner which will materially and adversely affect the rights of such holders so long as bonds authorized by this section are outstanding. Any revenues which are not pledged to the repayment of bonds as authorized by this section may be utilized for purposes authorized under the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program. This revenue source is in addition to any amounts provided for and appropriated in accordance with s. 311.07. The Department of Transportation Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council shall approve distribution of funds to ports for projects which have been approved pursuant to s. 311.09(5)-(9). The council and the Department of Transportation is are authorized to perform such acts as are required to facilitate and implement the provisions of this subsection. To better enable the ports to cooperate to

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588 their mutual advantage, the governing body of each port may 589 exercise powers provided to municipalities or counties in s. 590 163.01(7)(d) subject to the provisions of chapter 311 and special acts, if any, pertaining to a port. The use of funds 591 592 provided pursuant to this subsection are limited to eligible 593 projects listed in this subsection. Income derived from a 594 project completed with the use of program funds, beyond operating costs and debt service, shall be restricted to further 595 596 port capital improvements consistent with maritime purposes and 597 for no other purpose. Use of such income for nonmaritime 598 purposes is prohibited. The provisions of s. 311.07(4) do not apply to any funds received pursuant to this subsection. The 599 revenues available under this subsection shall not be pledged to 600 601 the payment of any bonds other than the Florida Ports Financing Commission Series 1996 and Series 1999 Bonds currently 602 603 outstanding; provided, however, such revenues may be pledged to 604 secure payment of refunding bonds to refinance the Florida Ports 605 Financing Commission Series 1996 and Series 1999 Bonds. No 606 refunding bonds secured by revenues available under this 607 subsection may be issued with a final maturity later than the 608 final maturity of the Florida Ports Financing Commission Series 609 1996 and Series 1999 Bonds or which provide for higher debt service in any year than is currently payable on such bonds. Any 610 revenue bonds or other indebtedness issued after July 1, 2000, 611 other than refunding bonds shall be issued by the Division of 612 Bond Finance at the request of the Department of Transportation 613 pursuant to the State Bond Act. 614 (5) (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law except

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616 subsections (1), (2), (3), and (4) (3), on July 1, 1999, and 617 annually thereafter, \$10 million shall be deposited annually in 618 the State Transportation Trust Fund solely for the purposes of 619 funding the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic 620 Development Program as provided in chapter 311 and for funding 621 seaport intermodal access projects of statewide significance as 622 provided in s. 341.053. Such revenues shall be distributed to any port listed in s. 311.09(1), to be used for funding projects 623 624 as follows:

(a) For any seaport intermodal access projects that are
identified in the 1997-1998 Tentative Work Program of the
Department of Transportation, up to the amounts needed to offset
the funding requirements of this section.

629 For seaport intermodal access projects as described in (b) 630 s. 341.053(5) that are identified in the 5-year Florida Seaport 631 Mission Plan as provided in s. 311.09(3). Funding for such projects shall be on a matching basis as mutually determined by 632 633 the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development 634 Council and the Department of Transportation, provided a minimum of 25 percent of total project funds shall come from any port 635 636 funds, local funds, private funds, or specifically earmarked 637 federal funds.

(c) On a 50-50 matching basis for projects as described ins. 311.07(3)(b).

(d) For seaport intermodal access projects that involve
the dredging or deepening of channels, turning basins, or
harbors; or the rehabilitation of wharves, docks, or similar
structures. Funding for such projects shall require a 25 percent
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644 match of the funds received pursuant to this subsection.
645 Matching funds shall come from any port funds, federal funds,
646 local funds, or private funds.

648 Such revenues may be assigned, pledged, or set aside as a trust 649 for the payment of principal or interest on bonds, tax 650 anticipation certificates, or any other form of indebtedness 651 issued by an individual port or appropriate local government 652 having jurisdiction thereof, or collectively by interlocal 653 agreement among any of the ports, or used to purchase credit 654 support to permit such borrowings. However, such debt shall not 655 constitute a general obligation of the state. This state does hereby covenant with holders of such revenue bonds or other 656 657 instruments of indebtedness issued hereunder that it will not 658 repeal or impair or amend this subsection in any manner which 659 will materially and adversely affect the rights of holders so 660 long as bonds authorized by this subsection are outstanding. Any 661 revenues that are not pledged to the repayment of bonds as 662 authorized by this section may be utilized for purposes 663 authorized under the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic 664 Development Program. This revenue source is in addition to any 665 amounts provided for and appropriated in accordance with s. 666 311.07 and subsection (3). The Department of Transportation 667 Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council 668 shall approve distribution of funds to ports for projects that 669 have been approved pursuant to s. $311.09(5) - (9)_{7}$ or for seaport intermodal access projects identified in the 5-year Florida 670 Seaport Mission Plan as provided in s. 311.09(3) and mutually 671

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672 agreed upon by the FSTED Council and the Department of 673 Transportation. All contracts for actual construction of 674 projects authorized by this subsection must include a provision 675 encouraging employment of participants in the welfare transition 676 program. The goal for employment of participants in the welfare 677 transition program is 25 percent of all new employees employed 678 specifically for the project, unless the Department of 679 Transportation and the Florida Seaport Transportation and 680 Economic Development Council demonstrate that such a requirement 681 would severely hamper the successful completion of the project. 682 In such an instance, Workforce Florida, Inc., shall establish an appropriate percentage of employees that must be participants in 683 the welfare transition program. The council and the Department 684 685 of Transportation are authorized to perform such acts as are 686 required to facilitate and implement the provisions of this 687 subsection. To better enable the ports to cooperate to their 688 mutual advantage, the governing body of each port may exercise 689 powers provided to municipalities or counties in s. 163.01(7)(d) 690 subject to the provisions of chapter 311 and special acts, if 691 any, pertaining to a port. The use of funds provided pursuant to 692 this subsection is limited to eligible projects listed in this 693 subsection. The provisions of s. 311.07(4) do not apply to any 694 funds received pursuant to this subsection. The revenues 695 available under this subsection shall not be pledged to the payment of any bonds other than the Florida Ports Financing 696 Commission Series 1996 and Series 1999 Bonds currently 697 outstanding; provided, however, such revenues may be pledged to 698 secure payment of refunding bonds to refinance the Florida Ports 699 Page 25 of 44

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700 Financing Commission Series 1996 and Series 1999 Bonds. No 701 refunding bonds secured by revenues available under this subsection may be issued with a final maturity later than the 702 final maturity of the Florida Ports Financing Commission Series 703 704 1996 and Series 1999 Bonds or which provide for higher debt 705 service in any year than is currently payable on such bonds. Any 706 revenue bonds or other indebtedness issued after July 1, 2000, 707 other than refunding bonds shall be issued by the Division of 708 Bond Finance at the request of the Department of Transportation 709 pursuant to the State Bond Act.

710 (6)(5)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c), the
711 remainder of such revenues must be deposited in the State
712 Transportation Trust Fund.

713 (b) The Chief Financial Officer each month shall deposit 714 in the State Transportation Trust Fund an amount, drawn from 715 other funds in the State Treasury which are not immediately 716 needed or are otherwise in excess of the amount necessary to 717 meet the requirements of the State Treasury, which when added to 718 such remaining revenues each month will equal one-twelfth of the amount of the anticipated annual revenues to be deposited in the 719 720 State Transportation Trust Fund under paragraph (a) as 721 determined by the Chief Financial Officer after consultation 722 with the Revenue Estimating Conference held pursuant to s. 723 216.136(3). The transfers required hereunder may be suspended by action of the Legislative Budget Commission in the event of a 724 significant shortfall of state revenues. 725

(c) In any month in which the remaining revenues derivedfrom the registration of motor vehicles exceed one-twelfth of

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728 those anticipated annual remaining revenues as determined by the Chief Financial Officer after consultation with the Revenue 729 Estimating Conference, the excess shall be credited to those 730 731 state funds in the State Treasury from which the amount was 732 originally drawn, up to the amount which was deposited in the 733 State Transportation Trust Fund under paragraph (b). A final 734 adjustment must be made in the last months of a fiscal year so 735 that the total revenue deposited in the State Transportation 736 Trust Fund each year equals the amount derived from the registration of motor vehicles, less the amount distributed 737 738 under subsection (1). For the purposes of this paragraph and 739 paragraph (b), the term "remaining revenues" means all revenues 740 deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund under 741 paragraph (a) and subsections (1), (2), and (3). In order that interest earnings continue to accrue to the General Revenue 742 743 Fund, the Department of Transportation may not invest an amount 744 equal to the cumulative amount of funds deposited in the State 745 Transportation Trust Fund under paragraph (b) less funds 746 credited under this paragraph as computed on a monthly basis. 747 The amounts to be credited under this and the preceding 748 paragraph must be calculated and certified to the Chief 749 Financial Officer by the Executive Office of the Governor. 750 Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 320.203, Florida 751 Statutes, is amended to read: 320.203 Disposition of biennial license tax moneys .--752 Notwithstanding ss. 320.08(1), (2), (3), (4)(a) or 753 (1)(b), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), or (11), 320.08058, and 328.76 754 755 and pursuant to s. 216.351, after the provisions of s. Page 27 of 44

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756 320.20(1), (2), (3), and (4), and (5) are fulfilled, an amount 757 equal to 50 percent of revenues collected from the biennial 758 registrations created in s. 320.07 shall be retained in the Motor Vehicle License Clearing Trust Fund, authorized in s. 759 760 215.32(2)(b)2.f., until July 1. After July 1 of the subsequent 761 fiscal year, an amount equal to 50 percent of revenues collected 762 from the biennial registrations created in s. 320.07 shall be 763 distributed according to ss. 320.08(1), (2), (3), (4)(a) or (b), 764 (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), or (11), 320.08058, 328.76, and 765 320.20(1), (2), (3), and (4), and (5).

766 Section 16. Section 320.95, Florida Statutes, is amended 767 to read:

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320.95 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.--

769 (1) The department is authorized to accept any application
 770 provided for under this chapter by electronic or telephonic
 771 means.

772 (2) The department may collect and use e-mail addresses of
 773 motor vehicle owners and registrants as a notification method in
 774 lieu of the United States Postal Service.

Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 322.025, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

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322.025 Driver improvement.--

(1) The department may implement programs to improve the
driving ability of the drivers of this state. Such programs may
include, but shall not be limited to, safety awareness
campaigns, driver training, and licensing improvement.
Motorcycle driver improvement programs implemented pursuant to
this section or s. 322.0255 <u>may shall</u> be funded by the

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784 motorcycle safety education fee collected pursuant to s. 785 320.08(1)(c), which shall be deposited in the Highway Safety 786 Operating Trust Fund of the department and appropriated for that 787 purpose.

Section 18. Subsections (5), (6), (7), and (8) of section
322.0255, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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322.0255 Florida Motorcycle Safety Education Program.--

791 (5) The department shall, subject to the availability of 792 funds, reimburse each organization that provides an approved 793 motorcycle safety education course for each student who begins 794 the on-cycle portion of the course. This shall include any 795 student not required to attend a motorcycle safety education 796 course prior to licensure as required in s. 322.12. The amount 797 to be reimbursed per student to each course provider shall be 798 determined by the department. In order to facilitate such 799 determination, each course provider shall be required to submit 800 proof satisfactory to the department of the expected cost per 801 student to be incurred by such course provider. In no event 802 shall the amount to be reimbursed per student to any course 803 provider exceed the expected cost per student. In addition to 804 the amount of any reimbursement, each course provider that 805 conducts such a course may charge each student a tuition fee 806 sufficient to defray the cost of conducting the course. The 807 department shall fund the payments required under this subsection from the motorcycle safety education fee, as provided 808 in ss. 320.08 and 322.025. 809

810 <u>(5)</u> (6) Each organization that provides an approved 811 motorcycle safety course may charge a registration fee, not to Page 29 of 44

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812 exceed \$20 per student. This fee must be refunded if the student 813 completes the course. However, any student who registers for, 814 and does not complete, the course must forfeit his or her 815 registration fee. Forfeited fees may be retained by the 816 organization that conducts the course.

817 <u>(6)</u> (7) The department may adopt rules to implement this 818 section.

819 <u>(7)(8)</u> On and after January 1, 1989, every first-time 820 applicant for licensure to operate a motorcycle who is under 21 821 years of age shall be required to complete a motorcycle 822 education course as established pursuant to this section. Proof 823 of completion of such education course shall be presented to the 824 driver license examining office prior to such licensure to 825 operate a motorcycle.

826 Section 19. Subsection (2) of section 322.17, Florida827 Statutes, is amended to read:

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322.17 Duplicate and replacement certificates.--

829 (2) Upon the surrender of the original license and the 830 payment of a \$10 replacement fee, the department shall issue a replacement license to make a change in name, address, or 831 832 restrictions. Upon written request by the licensee and 833 notification of a change in address, and the payment of a \$10 834 fee to be collected by the department and immediately deposited into the General Revenue Fund, the department shall issue an 835 address sticker which shall be affixed to the back of the 836 license by the licensee. Nine dollars of the fee levied in this 837 subsection shall go to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund 838 839 of the department.

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840 Section 20. <u>Section 322.181</u>, Florida Statutes, is 841 repealed.

842 Section 21. Subsection (8) of section 322.21, Florida 843 Statutes, is amended to read:

322.21 License fees; procedure for handling and collecting
fees; distribution of funds to the Florida Highway Patrol.--

846 (8) Any person who applies for reinstatement following the 847 suspension or revocation of the person's driver's license shall 848 pay a service fee of \$45 $\frac{535}{5}$ following a suspension, and \$75 $\frac{560}{5}$ following a revocation, which is in addition to the fee for a 849 850 license. Any person who applies for reinstatement of a 851 commercial driver's license following the disgualification of the person's privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle 852 853 shall pay a service fee of \$75 $\frac{60}{560}$, which is in addition to the 854 fee for a license. The department shall collect all of these 855 fees at the time of reinstatement. The department shall issue 856 proper receipts for such fees and shall promptly transmit all 857 funds received by it as follows:

(a) Of the <u>\$45</u> \$35 fee received from a licensee for
reinstatement following a suspension, the department shall
deposit \$15 in the General Revenue Fund, and \$20 in the Highway
Safety Operating Trust Fund, and \$10 in the Department of
Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

(b) Of the <u>\$75</u> \$60 fee received from a licensee for
reinstatement following a revocation or disqualification, the
department shall deposit \$35 in the General Revenue Fund, and
\$25 in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and \$15 in the

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867	Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Law Enforcement
868	Trust Fund.
869	(c) The driver's license reinstatement fee that is
870	deposited into the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
871	Vehicles Law Enforcement Trust Fund shall be used to recruit and
872	retain officers of the Florida Highway Patrol, which includes
873	all career service levels of rank.
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875	If the revocation or suspension of the driver's license was for
876	a violation of s. 316.193, or for refusal to submit to a lawful
877	breath, blood, or urine test, an additional fee of $\frac{$130}{$115}$
878	must be charged. However, only one $\frac{$130}{$115}$ fee may be
879	collected from one person convicted of violations arising out of
880	the same incident. The department shall collect the $\frac{\$130}{\$115}$
881	fee and deposit <u>\$115 of</u> the fee into the Highway Safety
882	Operating Trust Fund and \$15 of the fee into the Department of
883	Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Law Enforcement Trust Fund at
884	the time of reinstatement of the person's driver's license, but
885	the fee may not be collected if the suspension or revocation is
886	overturned. If the revocation or suspension of the driver's
887	license was for a conviction for a violation of s. 817.234(8) or
888	(9) or s. 817.505, an additional fee of \$180 is imposed for each
889	offense. The department shall collect and deposit the additional
890	fee into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund at the time of
891	reinstatement of the person's driver's license.
892	Section 22. Subsection (2) of section 322.29, Florida
893	Statutes, is amended to read:
894	322.29 Surrender and return of license
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895 The provisions of subsection (1) to the contrary (2)896 notwithstanding, no examination is required for the return of a 897 license suspended under s. 318.15 or s. 322.245 unless an examination is otherwise required by this chapter. Every person 898 899 applying for the return of a license suspended under s. 318.15 900 or s. 322.245 shall present to the department certification from 901 the court that he or she has complied with all obligations and 902 penalties imposed on him or her pursuant to s. 318.15 or, in the 903 case of a suspension pursuant to s. 322.245, that he or she has 904 complied with all directives of the court and the requirements 905 of s. 322.245 and shall pay to the department a nonrefundable 906 service fee of \$60 \$47.50, of which \$37.50 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund, and \$10 shall be deposited into 907 908 the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and \$12.50 shall be deposited into the Department of Highway Safety and Motor 909 910 Vehicles Law Enforcement Trust Fund. If reinstated by the clerk of the court or tax collector, \$37.50 shall be retained, and \$10 911 912 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into 913 the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and \$12.50 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the 914 915 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Law Enforcement 916 Trust Fund. However, the service fee is not required if the 917 person is required to pay a \$45 $\frac{35}{5}$ fee or a \$75 $\frac{60}{5}$ fee under the provisions of s. 322.21. 918 Section 23. Section 324.071, Florida Statutes, is amended 919

920 to read:

921 324.071 Reinstatement; renewal of license; reinstatement 922 fee.--Any operator or owner whose license or registration has Page 33 of 44

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923 been suspended pursuant to s. 324.051(2), s. 324.072, s. 924 324.081, or s. 324.121 may effect its reinstatement upon 925 compliance with the provisions of s. 324.051(2)(a)3. or 4., or 926 s. 324.081(2) and (3), as the case may be, and with one of the 927 provisions of s. 324.031 and upon payment to the department of a 928 nonrefundable reinstatement fee of \$15. Only one such fee shall 929 be paid by any one person irrespective of the number of licenses and registrations to be then reinstated or issued to such 930 931 person. The department shall collect and immediately transmit all fees received by it under this section to be deposited in 932 933 the General Revenue Fund of the state All such fees shall be deposited to a department trust fund. When the reinstatement of 934 935 any license or registration is effected by compliance with s. 936 324.051(2)(a)3. or 4., the department shall not renew the license or registration within a period of 3 years from such 937 938 reinstatement, nor shall any other license or registration be issued in the name of such person, unless the operator is 939 940 continuing to comply with one of the provisions of s. 324.031. 941 Section 24. Section 328.30, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 942 943 328.30 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.--944 The department is authorized to accept any application (1)provided for under this chapter by electronic or telephonic 945 946 means. (2) The department may issue an electronic certificate of 947 948 title in lieu of printing a paper title. The department may collect and use e-mail addresses of 949 (3)

950 vessel owners and registrants as a notification method in lieu

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2008 951 of the United States Postal Service. 952 Section 25. Section 328.80, Florida Statutes, is amended 953 to read: 328.80 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.--954 955 The department commission is authorized to accept any (1)956 application provided for under this chapter by electronic or 957 telephonic means. 958 The department may collect and use e-mail addresses of (2) 959 vessel owners and registrants as a notification method in lieu of the United States Postal Service. 960 961 Section 26. Subsections (26) through (33) of section 962 344.044 are amended to read: 963 334.044 Department; powers and duties.--The department 964 shall have the following general powers and duties: 965 (26) To provide for the conservation of natural roadside 966 growth and scenery and for the implementation and maintenance of 967 roadside beautification programs, and no less than 1.5 percent 968 of the amount contracted for construction projects shall be 969 allocated by the department to beautification programs. Except 970 where prohibited by federal law or federal regulation and to the 971 extent practical, a minimum of 50 percent of these funds shall 972 be used to purchase large plant materials with the remaining 973 funds for other plant materials. All such plant materials shall 974 be purchased from Florida-based nurseryman stock on a uniform 975 competitive bid basis. The department will develop grades and standards for landscaping materials purchased through this 976 process. To accomplish these activities, the department may 977 978 contract with nonprofit organizations having the primary purpose Page 35 of 44

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979 of developing youth employment opportunities.

980 (26)(27) To conduct studies and provide coordination to 981 assess the needs associated with landside ingress and egress to 982 port facilities, and to coordinate with local governmental 983 entities to ensure that port facility access routes are properly 984 integrated with other transportation facilities.

985 <u>(27)</u> (28) To require persons to affirm the truth of 986 statements made in any application for a license, permit, or 987 certification issued by the department or in any contract 988 documents submitted to the department.

989 <u>(28)</u> (29) To advance funds for projects in the department's 990 adopted work program to governmental entities prior to 991 commencement of the project or project phase when the advance 992 has been authorized by the department's comptroller and is made 993 pursuant to a written agreement between the department and a 994 governmental entity.

995 (29)(30) To take any other action necessary to carry out
 996 the powers and duties expressly granted in this code.

997 (30) (31) To provide oversight of traveler information systems that may include the provision of interactive voice 998 999 response telephone systems accessible via the 511 number as 1000 assigned by the Federal Communications Commission for traveler 1001 information services. The department shall ensure that uniform standards and criteria for the collection and dissemination of 1002 traveler information are applied using interactive voice 1003 1004 response systems.

1005(31)(32)In order to fulfill the department's mission to1006provide a safe and efficient transportation system, the

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1007 department's Office of Motor Carrier Compliance may employ sworn 1008 law enforcement officers, certified in accordance with chapter 943, to enforce the traffic and criminal laws of this state. 1009 1010 Such officers shall have full law enforcement powers granted to 1011 other peace officers of this state, including making arrests, carrying firearms, serving court process, and seizing vehicles 1012 1013 defined as contraband under s. 319.33, illegal drugs, stolen property, and the proceeds of illegal activities. Officers 1014 1015 appointed under this section have the primary responsibility for 1016 enforcing laws relating to size and weight of commercial motor 1017 vehicles; safety, traffic, tax, and registration of commercial motor vehicles; interdiction of vehicles defined as contraband 1018 under s. 319.33, illegal drugs, and stolen property; and 1019 1020 violations that threaten the overall security and safety of 1021 Florida's transportation infrastructure and the motoring public. 1022 The office is also authorized to appoint part-time or auxiliary law enforcement officers pursuant to chapter 943 and to provide 1023 compensation in accordance with law. 1024

1025 (32)(33) To enter into agreement with Space Florida to 1026 coordinate and cooperate in the development of spaceport 1027 infrastructure and related transportation facilities contained 1028 in the Strategic Intermodal System Plan and, where appropriate, 1029 encourage the cooperation and integration of airports and 1030 spaceports in order to meet transportation-related needs.

Section 27. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1033 339.135 Work program; legislative budget request; 1034 definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.--Page 37 of 44

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1035 FUNDING AND DEVELOPING A TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM. --(4)1036 (a)1. To assure that no district or county is penalized 1037 for local efforts to improve the State Highway System, the 1038 department shall, for the purpose of developing a tentative work 1039 program, allocate funds for new construction to the districts, 1040 except for the turnpike enterprise, based on equal parts of 1041 population and motor fuel tax collections. Funds for resurfacing, bridge repair and rehabilitation, bridge fender 1042 1043 system construction or repair, public transit projects except 1044 public transit block grants as provided in s. 341.052, and other 1045 programs with quantitative needs assessments shall be allocated 1046 based on the results of these assessments. The department may not transfer any funds allocated to a district under this 1047 1048 paragraph to any other district except as provided in subsection 1049 (7). Funds for public transit block grants shall be allocated to 1050 the districts pursuant to s. 341.052. Funds for the intercity bus program provided for under s. 5311(f) of the federal 1051 1052 nonurbanized area formula program shall be administered and 1053 allocated directly to eliqible bus carriers as defined in s. 341.031(12) at the state level rather than the district. In 1054 1055 order to provide state funding to support the intercity bus 1056 program provided for under provisions of the federal 5311(f) 1057 program, the department shall allocate an amount equal to the federal share of the 5311(f) program from amounts calculated 1058 1059 pursuant to s. 206.46(3).

1060 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph 1., the 1061 department shall allocate at least 50 percent of any new 1062 discretionary highway capacity funds to the Florida Strategic Page 38 of 44

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1063 Intermodal System created pursuant to s. 339.61. Any remaining 1064 new discretionary highway capacity funds shall be allocated to 1065 the districts for new construction as provided in subparagraph 1066 1. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term "new 1067 discretionary highway capacity funds" means any funds available 1068 to the department above the prior year funding level for 1069 capacity improvements, which the department has the discretion to allocate to highway projects. 1070

3. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., s. 206.46(3), and s. 1071 1072 206.608, in fiscal years 2008-2009 through 2009-2010, the 1073 Department of Transportation shall ensure, to the maximum extent 1074 practicable, that projects that have been advertised for 1075 contract lettings for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, 1076 are not impacted by the reinstatement of the service charge provided in s. 215.20(1) and (3), which is deducted from the 1077 1078 proceeds of the taxes distributed under ss. 206.606(1), 207.026, 1079 212.0501(6), 319.32(5), 206.608, and 320.072(4).

1080 Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., s. 206.46(3), and s. 4. 1081 206.608, in fiscal years 2008-2009 through 2012-2013, the 1082 department shall reduce work program levels to balance the 1083 finance plan to the revised funding levels resulting from the 1084 reinstatement of the service charge provided in s. 215.20(1) and 1085 (3), which is deducted from the proceeds of the taxes distributed under ss. 206.606(1), 207.026, 212.0501(6), 1086 319.32(5), 206.608, and 320.072(4). 1087 1088 5. Prior to any project or phase thereof being deferred, such reductions shall be made to financial projects not 1089 1090 programmed for contract letting as identified with a work

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1091 program contract class code 8 and the box code RV. These 1092 reductions shall not negatively impact safety, preservation, 1093 maintenance, or project contingency levels as of July 1, 2008. 1094 Section 28. Subsection (1) of section 403.890, Florida 1095 Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 2007-335, Laws of 1096 Florida, is amended to read: 1097 403.890 Water Protection and Sustainability Program; 1098 intent; goals; purposes. --Effective July 1, 2006, revenues transferred from the 1099 (1)1100 Department of Revenue pursuant to s. 201.15(1)(d)4.2. shall be 1101 deposited into the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund in the Department of Environmental Protection. These 1102 1103 revenues and any other additional revenues deposited into or 1104 appropriated to the Water Protection and Sustainability Program 1105 Trust Fund shall be distributed by the Department of 1106 Environmental Protection in the following manner: Sixty percent to the Department of Environmental 1107 (a) Protection for the implementation of an alternative water supply 1108 1109 program as provided in s. 373.1961. Twenty percent for the implementation of best 1110 (b) 1111 management practices and capital project expenditures necessary 1112 for the implementation of the goals of the total maximum daily load program established in s. 403.067. Of these funds, 85 1113 1114 percent shall be transferred to the credit of the Department of 1115 Environmental Protection Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund to 1116 address water quality impacts associated with nonagricultural nonpoint sources. Fifteen percent of these funds shall be 1117 transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer 1118 Page 40 of 44

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1119 Services General Inspection Trust Fund to address water quality 1120 impacts associated with agricultural nonpoint sources. These 1121 funds shall be used for research, development, demonstration, 1122 and implementation of the total maximum daily load program under s. 403.067, suitable best management practices or other measures 1123 used to achieve water quality standards in surface waters and 1124 1125 water segments identified pursuant to s. 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, Pub. L. No. 92-500, 33 U.S.C. ss. 1251 et seq. 1126 1127 Implementation of best management practices and other measures may include cost-share grants, technical assistance, 1128 1129 implementation tracking, and conservation leases or other agreements for water quality improvement. The Department of 1130 1131 Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture and 1132 Consumer Services may adopt rules governing the distribution of 1133 funds for implementation of capital projects, best management 1134 practices, and other measures. These funds shall not be used to abroqate the financial responsibility of those point and 1135 nonpoint sources that have contributed to the degradation of 1136 1137 water or land areas. Increased priority shall be given by the department and the water management district governing boards to 1138 1139 those projects that have secured a cost-sharing agreement allocating responsibility for the cleanup of point and nonpoint 1140 1141 sources.

(c) Ten percent shall be disbursed for the purposes of funding projects pursuant to ss. 373.451-373.459 or surface water restoration activities in water-management-districtdesignated priority water bodies. The Secretary of Environmental Protection shall ensure that each water management district

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receives the following percentage of funds annually: 1147 Thirty-five percent to the South Florida Water 1148 1. 1149 Management District; 1150 Twenty-five percent to the Southwest Florida Water 2. Management District; 1151 Twenty-five percent to the St. Johns River Water 1152 3. 1153 Management District; Seven and one-half percent to the Suwannee River Water 1154 4. 1155 Management District; and 1156 Seven and one-half percent to the Northwest Florida 5. 1157 Water Management District. Ten percent to the Department of Environmental 1158 (d) 1159 Protection for the Disadvantaged Small Community Wastewater 1160 Grant Program as provided in s. 403.1838. 1161 Section 29. Subsection (1) of section 403.891, Florida 1162 Statutes, is amended to read: 1163 403.891 Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund of the Department of Environmental Protection .--1164 1165 (1)The Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust 1166 Fund is created within the Department of Environmental 1167 Protection. The purpose of the trust fund is to receive funds pursuant to s. 201.15(1)(d)4.2., funds from other sources 1168 provided for in law and the General Appropriations Act, and 1169 funds received by the department in order to implement the 1170 provisions of the Water Sustainability and Protection Program 1171 created in s. 403.890. 1172 Section 30. Subsection (19) of section 501.976, Florida 1173 1174 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1175	501.976 Actionable, unfair, or deceptive acts or
1176	practicesIt is an unfair or deceptive act or practice,
1177	actionable under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade
1178	Practices Act, for a dealer to:
1179	(19) Fail to disclose damage to a new motor vehicle, as
1180	defined in s. 319.001 <u>(9)(8), of which the dealer had actual</u>
1181	knowledge, if the dealer's actual cost of repairs exceeds the
1182	threshold amount, excluding replacement items.
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1184	In any civil litigation resulting from a violation of this
1185	section, when evaluating the reasonableness of an award of
1186	attorney's fees to a private person, the trial court shall
1187	consider the amount of actual damages in relation to the time
1188	spent.
1189	Section 31. Section 1013.63, Florida Statutes, is amended
1190	to read:
1191	1013.63 University Concurrency Trust Fund
1192	(1) The University Concurrency Trust Fund is created
1193	within the Department of Education.
1194	(2) The trust fund may be funded each fiscal year as
1195	provided in the General Appropriations Act. Notwithstanding any
1196	other provision of law, the general revenue service charge
1197	deducted pursuant to s. 215.20 on revenues raised by any local
1198	option motor fuel tax levied pursuant to s. 336.025(1)(b), as
1199	created by chapter 93 206, Laws of Florida, shall be deposited
1200	in the University Concurrency Trust Fund, which is administered
1201	by the State Board of Education. Moneys in such trust fund shall
1202	be for the purpose of funding university offsite improvements
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1203 required to meet concurrency standards adopted under part II of 1204 chapter 163. In addition, in any year in which campus master 1205 plans are updated pursuant to s. 1013.30, but no more frequently 1206 than once every 5 years, up to 25 percent of the balance in the 1207 trust fund for that year may be used to defray the costs 1208 incurred in updating those campus master plans.

1209 (3)(a) The trust fund is exempt from the service charges1210 imposed by s. 215.20.

(b) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of the trust fund.

Section 32. <u>The Office of Motor Carrier Compliance of the</u> <u>Department of Transportation is hereby transferred by a type two</u> <u>transfer, as defined in s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, to the</u> <u>Division of the Florida Highway Patrol of the Department of</u> <u>Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, except for revenues in the</u> <u>amount of \$28,033,537, which shall remain in the State</u> Transportation Trust Fund.

Section 33. <u>The Division of Statutory Revision of the</u> Office of Legislative Services is requested to prepare a reviser's bill to conform the Florida Statutes to the organizational changes made by this act.

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Section 34. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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