

By the Committee on Transportation

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to a review of the Department of  
3           Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles under the Florida  
4           Government Accountability Act; reenacting and amending  
5           s. 20.24, F.S., relating to the establishment of the  
6           department; eliminating an obsolete reference to the  
7           Bureau of Motor Vehicle Inspection; providing an  
8           effective date.

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10           WHEREAS, ss. 11.901-11.920, Florida Statutes, the Florida  
11           Government Accountability Act, subjects the Department of  
12           Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and its respective advisory  
13           committees to a sunset review process in order to determine  
14           whether the agency should be retained, modified, or abolished,  
15           and

16           WHEREAS, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
17           Vehicles produced a report providing specific information, as  
18           enumerated in s. 11.906, Florida Statutes, and

19           WHEREAS, upon receipt of the report, the Joint Legislative  
20           Sunset Committee and committees of the Senate and the House of  
21           Representatives assigned to act as sunset review committees  
22           reviewed the report and requested studies by the Office of  
23           Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, and

24           WHEREAS, based on the department's report, studies of the  
25           Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability,  
26           and public input, the Joint Legislative Sunset Committee and  
27           legislative sunset review committees made recommendations on the  
28           abolition, continuation, or reorganization of the Department of  
29           Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and its advisory committees;

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30 on the need for the functions performed by the agency and its  
31 advisory committees; and on the consolidation, transfer, or  
32 reorganization of programs within the Department of Highway  
33 Safety and Motor Vehicles, and

34 WHEREAS, this Legislature wishes to retain the Department  
35 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and continue the Florida  
36 Highway Patrol Advisory Council, the Automobile Dealer Advisory  
37 Board, the DUI Programs Review Board, and the Medical Advisory  
38 Board, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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42 Section 1. Section 20.24, Florida Statutes, is reenacted  
43 and amended to read:

44 20.24 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.—  
45 There is created a Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
46 Vehicles.

47 (1) The head of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
48 Vehicles is the Governor and Cabinet.

49 (2) The following divisions, and bureaus within the  
50 divisions, of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
51 Vehicles are established:

52 (a) Division of the Florida Highway Patrol.

53 (b) Division of Driver Licenses.

54 (c) Division of Motor Vehicles.

55 ~~1. Bureau of Motor Vehicle Inspection.~~

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