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The Committee on Transportation (Gardiner) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 8 - 9
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 337.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

337.18 Surety bonds for construction or maintenance contracts; requirement with respect to contract award; bond requirements; defaults; damage assessments.—

(1)

(b) Before beginning any work under the contract, the



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12 contractor shall maintain a copy of the payment and performance
13 bond required under this section at its principal place of
14 business and at the jobsite office, if one is established, and
15 the contractor shall provide a copy of the payment and
16 performance bond within 5 days after receiving a written request
17 for the bond. A copy of the payment and performance bond
18 required under this section may also be obtained directly from
19 the department by making a request pursuant to chapter 119. ~~Upon~~
20 ~~execution of the contract, and prior to beginning any work under~~
21 ~~the contract, the contractor shall record in the public records~~
22 ~~of the county where the improvement is located the payment and~~
23 ~~performance bond required under this section.~~ A claimant has
24 ~~shall have~~ a right of action against the contractor and surety
25 for the amount due him or her, including unpaid finance charges
26 due under the claimant's contract. The ~~Such~~ action may ~~shall~~ not
27 involve the department in any expense.

28 Section 2. Subsections (1), (2), and (7) of section
29 337.185, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

30 337.185 State Arbitration Board.-

31 (1) To facilitate the prompt settlement of claims for
32 additional compensation arising out of construction and
33 maintenance contracts between the department and the various
34 contractors with whom it transacts business, the Legislature
35 does hereby establish the State Arbitration Board, referred to
36 in this section as the "board." For the purpose of this section,
37 the term "claim" means ~~shall mean~~ the aggregate of all
38 outstanding claims by a party arising out of a construction or
39 maintenance contract. Every contractual claim in an amount up to
40 \$250,000 per contract or, at the claimant's option, up to



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41 \$500,000 per contract or, upon agreement of the parties, up to
42 \$1 million per contract that cannot be resolved by negotiation
43 between the department and the contractor shall be arbitrated by
44 the board after acceptance of the project by the department. As
45 an exception, either party to the dispute may request that the
46 claim be submitted to binding private arbitration. A court of
47 law may not consider the settlement of such a claim until the
48 process established by this section has been exhausted.

49 (2) The board shall be composed of three members. One
50 member shall be appointed by the head of the department, and one
51 member shall be elected by those construction or maintenance
52 companies who are under contract with the department. The third
53 member shall be chosen by agreement of the other two members.
54 Whenever the third member has a conflict of interest regarding
55 affiliation with one of the parties, the other two members shall
56 select an alternate member for that hearing. The head of the
57 department may select an alternative or substitute to serve as
58 the department member for any hearing or term. Each member shall
59 serve a 2-year term. The board shall elect a chair, each term,
60 who shall be the administrator of the board and custodian of its
61 records.

62 (7) The members of the board may receive compensation for
63 the performance of their duties hereunder, from administrative
64 fees received by the board, except that no employee of the
65 department may receive compensation from the board. The
66 compensation amount shall be determined by the board, but may
67 ~~shall~~ not exceed \$125 per hour, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per
68 day for each member authorized to receive compensation. ~~Nothing~~
69 ~~in~~ This section does not ~~shall~~ prevent the member elected by



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70 construction or maintenance companies from being an employee of
71 an association affiliated with the industry, even if the sole
72 responsibility of that member is service on the board. Travel
73 expenses for the industry member may be paid by an industry
74 association, if necessary. The board may allocate funds annually
75 for clerical and other administrative services.

76 Section 3. Subsection (6) is added to section 338.01,
77 Florida Statutes, to read:

78 338.01 Authority to establish and regulate limited access
79 facilities.—

80 (6) All new limited access facilities and existing
81 transportation facilities on which new or replacement electronic
82 toll collection systems are installed shall be interoperable
83 with the department's electronic toll-collection system.

84 Section 4. Present subsections (7) and (8) of section
85 338.165, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8) and
86 (9), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to that
87 section, to read:

88 338.165 Continuation of tolls.—

89 (7) This section does not apply to high-occupancy toll
90 lanes or express lanes.

91 Section 5. Section 338.166, Florida Statutes, is created to
92 read:

93 338.166 High-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes.—

94 (1) Under s. 11, Art. VII of the State Constitution, the
95 department may request the Division of Bond Finance to issue
96 bonds secured by toll revenues collected on high-occupancy toll
97 lanes or express lanes located on Interstate 95 in Miami-Dade
98 and Broward Counties.



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99 (2) The department may continue to collect the toll on the
100 high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes after the discharge
101 of any bond indebtedness related to such project. All tolls so
102 collected shall first be used to pay the annual cost of the
103 operation, maintenance, and improvement of the high-occupancy
104 toll lanes or express lanes project or associated transportation
105 system.

106 (3) Any remaining toll revenue from the high-occupancy toll
107 lanes or express lanes shall be used by the department for the
108 construction, maintenance, or improvement of any road on the
109 State Highway System.

110 (4) The department may implement variable-rate tolls on
111 high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes.

112 (5) Except for high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes,
113 tolls may not be charged for use of an interstate highway where
114 tolls were not charged as of July 1, 1997.

115 (6) This section does not apply to the turnpike system as
116 defined under the Florida Turnpike Enterprise Law.

117 Section 6. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of
118 section 338.2216, Florida Statutes, to read:

119 338.2216 Florida Turnpike Enterprise; powers and
120 authority.—

121 (1)

122 (d) The Florida Turnpike Enterprise shall pursue and
123 implement new technologies and processes in its operations and
124 collection of tolls and the collection of other amounts
125 associated with road and infrastructure usage. Such technologies
126 and processes must include, without limitation, video billing
127 and variable pricing.



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128 Section 7. Section 338.231, Florida Statutes, is amended to
129 read:

130 338.231 Turnpike tolls, fixing; pledge of tolls and other
131 revenues.—The department shall at all times fix, adjust, charge,
132 and collect such tolls and amounts for the use of the turnpike
133 system as are required in order to provide a fund sufficient
134 with other revenues of the turnpike system to pay the cost of
135 maintaining, improving, repairing, and operating such turnpike
136 system; to pay the principal of and interest on all bonds issued
137 to finance or refinance any portion of the turnpike system as
138 the same become due and payable; and to create reserves for all
139 such purposes.

140 ~~(1) In the process of effectuating toll rate increases over~~
141 ~~the period 1988 through 1992, the department shall, to the~~
142 ~~maximum extent feasible, equalize the toll structure, within~~
143 ~~each vehicle classification, so that the per mile toll rate will~~
144 ~~be approximately the same throughout the turnpike system. New~~
145 ~~turnpike projects may have toll rates higher than the uniform~~
146 ~~system rate where such higher toll rates are necessary to~~
147 ~~qualify the project in accordance with the financial criteria in~~
148 ~~the turnpike law. Such higher rates may be reduced to the~~
149 ~~uniform system rate when the project is generating sufficient~~
150 ~~revenues to pay the full amount of debt service and operating~~
151 ~~and maintenance costs at the uniform system rate. If, after 15~~
152 ~~years of opening to traffic, the annual revenue of a turnpike~~
153 ~~project does not meet or exceed the annual debt service~~
154 ~~requirements and operating and maintenance costs attributable to~~
155 ~~such project, the department shall, to the maximum extent~~
156 ~~feasible, establish a toll rate for the project which is higher~~



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157 ~~than the uniform system rate as necessary to meet such annual~~
158 ~~debt service requirements and operating and maintenance costs.~~
159 ~~The department may, to the extent feasible, establish a~~
160 ~~temporary toll rate at less than the uniform system rate for the~~
161 ~~purpose of building patronage for the ultimate benefit of the~~
162 ~~turnpike system. In no case shall the temporary rate be~~
163 ~~established for more than 1 year. The requirements of this~~
164 ~~subsection shall not apply when the application of such~~
165 ~~requirements would violate any covenant established in a~~
166 ~~resolution or trust indenture relating to the issuance of~~
167 ~~turnpike bonds.~~

168 (1)~~(2)~~ Notwithstanding any other ~~provision of~~ law, the
169 department may defer the scheduled July 1, 1993, toll rate
170 increase on the Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike
171 until July 1, 1995. The department may also advance funds to the
172 Turnpike General Reserve Trust Fund to replace estimated lost
173 revenues resulting from this deferral. The amount advanced must
174 be repaid within 12 years from the date of advance; however, the
175 repayment is subordinate to all other debt financing of the
176 turnpike system outstanding at the time repayment is due.

177 (2)~~(3)~~ The department shall publish a proposed change in
178 the toll rate for the use of an existing toll facility, in the
179 manner provided for in s. 120.54, which will provide for public
180 notice and the opportunity for a public hearing before the
181 adoption of the proposed rate change. When the department is
182 evaluating a proposed turnpike toll project under s. 338.223 and
183 has determined that there is a high probability that the project
184 will pass the test of economic feasibility predicated on
185 proposed toll rates, the toll rate that is proposed to be



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186 charged after the project is constructed must be adopted during
187 the planning and project development phase of the project, in
188 the manner provided for in s. 120.54, including public notice
189 and the opportunity for a public hearing. For such a new
190 project, the toll rate becomes effective upon the opening of the
191 project to traffic.

192 (3) (a) (4) For the period July 1, 1998, through June 30,
193 2017, the department shall, to the maximum extent feasible,
194 program sufficient funds in the tentative work program such that
195 the percentage of turnpike toll and bond financed commitments in
196 Miami-Dade County, Broward County, and Palm Beach County as
197 compared to total turnpike toll and bond financed commitments
198 shall be at least 90 percent of the share of net toll
199 collections attributable to users of the turnpike system in
200 Miami-Dade County, Broward County, and Palm Beach County as
201 compared to total net toll collections attributable to users of
202 the turnpike system. ~~The requirements of~~ This subsection does de
203 not apply when the application of such requirements would
204 violate any covenant established in a resolution or trust
205 indenture relating to the issuance of turnpike bonds. The
206 department may at any time for economic considerations establish
207 lower temporary toll rates for a new or existing toll facility
208 for a period not to exceed 1 year, after which the toll rates
209 adopted pursuant to s. 120.54 shall become effective.

210 (b) The department shall also fix, adjust, charge, and
211 collect such amounts needed to cover the costs of administering
212 the different toll-collection and payment methods, and types of
213 accounts being offered and used, in the manner provided for in
214 s. 120.54 which will provide for public notice and the



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215 opportunity for a public hearing before adoption. Such amounts
216 may stand alone, be incorporated in a toll rate structure, or be
217 a combination of the two.

218 (4)~~(5)~~ When bonds are outstanding which have been issued to
219 finance or refinance any turnpike project, the tolls and all
220 other revenues derived from the turnpike system and pledged to
221 such bonds shall be set aside as may be provided in the
222 resolution authorizing the issuance of such bonds or the trust
223 agreement securing the same. The tolls or other revenues or
224 other moneys so pledged and thereafter received by the
225 department are immediately subject to the lien of such pledge
226 without any physical delivery thereof or further act. The lien
227 of any such pledge is valid and binding as against all parties
228 having claims of any kind in tort or contract or otherwise
229 against the department irrespective of whether such parties have
230 notice thereof. Neither the resolution nor any trust agreement
231 by which a pledge is created need be filed or recorded except in
232 the records of the department.

233 (5)~~(6)~~ In each fiscal year while any of the bonds of the
234 Broward County Expressway Authority series 1984 and series 1986-
235 A remain outstanding, the department is authorized to pledge
236 revenues from the turnpike system to the payment of principal
237 and interest of such series of bonds and the operation and
238 maintenance expenses of the Sawgrass Expressway, to the extent
239 gross toll revenues of the Sawgrass Expressway are insufficient
240 to make such payments. The terms of an agreement relative to the
241 pledge of turnpike system revenue will be negotiated with the
242 parties of the 1984 and 1986 Broward County Expressway Authority
243 lease-purchase agreements, and subject to the covenants of those



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244 agreements. The agreement must ~~shall~~ establish that the Sawgrass
245 Expressway is ~~shall be~~ subject to the planning, management, and
246 operating control of the department limited only by the terms of
247 the lease-purchase agreements. The department shall provide for
248 the payment of operation and maintenance expenses of the
249 Sawgrass Expressway until such agreement is in effect. This
250 pledge of turnpike system revenues is ~~shall be~~ subordinate to
251 the debt service requirements of any future issue of turnpike
252 bonds, the payment of turnpike system operation and maintenance
253 expenses, and subject to ~~provisions of~~ any subsequent resolution
254 or trust indenture relating to the issuance of such turnpike
255 bonds.

256 (6) ~~(7)~~ The use and disposition of revenues pledged to bonds
257 are subject to ~~the provisions of~~ ss. 338.22-338.241 and such
258 regulations as the resolution authorizing the issuance of the
259 ~~such~~ bonds or such trust agreement may provide.

260 Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 479.01, Florida
261 Statutes, is amended to read:

262 479.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

263 (1) "Automatic changeable facing" means a facing that ~~which~~
264 ~~through a mechanical system~~ is capable of delivering two or more
265 advertising messages through an automated or remotely controlled
266 process ~~and shall not rotate so rapidly as to cause distraction~~
267 ~~to a motorist.~~

268 Section 9. Subsections (1), (5), and (9) of section 479.07,
269 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

270 479.07 Sign permits.—

271 (1) Except as provided in ss. 479.105(1) (e) and 479.16, a
272 person may not erect, operate, use, or maintain, or cause to be



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273 erected, operated, used, or maintained, any sign on the State
274 Highway System outside an urban incorporated area, as defined in
275 s. 334.03(32), or on any portion of the interstate or federal-
276 aid primary highway system without first obtaining a permit for
277 the sign from the department and paying the annual fee as
278 provided in this section. As used in ~~For purposes of~~ this
279 section, the term "on any portion of the State Highway System,
280 interstate, or federal-aid primary system" means ~~shall mean~~ a
281 sign located within the controlled area which is visible from
282 any portion of the main-traveled way of such system.

283 (5) (a) For each permit issued, the department shall furnish
284 to the applicant a serially numbered permanent metal permit tag.
285 The permittee is responsible for maintaining a valid permit tag
286 on each permitted sign facing at all times. The tag shall be
287 securely attached to the sign facing or, if there is no facing,
288 on the pole nearest the highway; and it shall be attached in
289 such a manner as to be plainly visible from the main-traveled
290 way. Effective July 1, 2011, the tag must be securely attached
291 to the upper 50 percent of the pole nearest the highway and must
292 be attached in such a manner as to be plainly visible from the
293 main-traveled way. The permit becomes ~~will become~~ void unless
294 the permit tag is properly and permanently displayed at the
295 permitted site within 30 days after the date of permit issuance.
296 If the permittee fails to erect a completed sign on the
297 permitted site within 270 days after the date on which the
298 permit was issued, the permit will be void, and the department
299 may not issue a new permit to that permittee for the same
300 location for 270 days after the date on which the permit became
301 void.



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302 (b) If a permit tag is lost, stolen, or destroyed, the
303 permittee to whom the tag was issued must apply to the
304 department for a replacement tag. The department shall adopt a
305 rule establishing a service fee for replacement tags in an
306 amount that will recover the actual cost of providing the
307 replacement tag. Upon receipt of the application accompanied by
308 the a service fee of \$3, the department shall issue a
309 replacement permit tag. Alternatively, the permittee may provide
310 its own replacement tag pursuant to department specifications
311 that the department shall adopt by rule at the time it
312 establishes the service fee for replacement tags.

313 (9) (a) A permit shall not be granted for any sign for which
314 a permit had not been granted by the effective date of this act
315 unless such sign is located at least:

316 1. One thousand five hundred feet from any other permitted
317 sign on the same side of the highway, if on an interstate
318 highway.

319 2. One thousand feet from any other permitted sign on the
320 same side of the highway, if on a federal-aid primary highway.

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322 The minimum spacing provided in this paragraph does not
323 preclude the permitting of V-type, back-to-back, side-to-side,
324 stacked, or double-faced signs at the permitted sign site. If a
325 sign is visible from the controlled area of more than one
326 highway subject to the jurisdiction of the department, the sign
327 shall meet the permitting requirements of, and, if the sign
328 meets the applicable permitting requirements, be permitted to,
329 the highway having the more stringent permitting requirements.

330 (b) A permit shall not be granted for a sign pursuant to



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331 this chapter to locate such sign on any portion of the
332 interstate or federal-aid primary highway system, which sign:

333 1. Exceeds 50 feet in sign structure height above the crown
334 of the main-traveled way, if outside an incorporated area;

335 2. Exceeds 65 feet in sign structure height above the crown
336 of the main-traveled way, if inside an incorporated area; or

337 3. Exceeds 950 square feet of sign facing including all
338 embellishments.

339 (c) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a)1., there is
340 established a pilot program in Orange, Hillsborough, and Osceola
341 Counties, and within the boundaries of the City of Miami, under
342 which the distance between permitted signs on the same side of
343 an interstate highway may be reduced to 1,000 feet if all other
344 requirements of this chapter are met and if:

345 1. The local government has adopted a plan, program,
346 resolution, ordinance, or other policy encouraging the voluntary
347 removal of signs in a downtown, historic, redevelopment, infill,
348 or other designated area which also provides for a new or
349 replacement sign to be erected on an interstate highway within
350 that jurisdiction if a sign in the designated area is removed;

351 2. The sign owner and the local government mutually agree
352 to the terms of the removal and replacement; and

353 3. The local government notifies the department of its
354 intention to allow such removal and replacement as agreed upon
355 pursuant to subparagraph 2.

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357 The department shall maintain statistics tracking the use
358 of the provisions of this pilot program based on the
359 notifications received by the department from local governments



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360 under this paragraph.

361 (d) ~~Nothing in~~ This subsection does not ~~shall be construed~~
362 ~~so as to~~ cause a sign that ~~which~~ was conforming on October 1,
363 1984, to become nonconforming.

364 Section 10. Section 479.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to
365 read:

366 479.08 Denial or revocation of permit.—The department may
367 ~~has the authority to~~ deny or revoke any permit requested or
368 granted under this chapter in any case in which it determines
369 that the application for the permit contains knowingly false or
370 misleading information. The department may revoke any permit
371 granted under this chapter in any case in which ~~or that~~ the
372 permittee has violated any of the provisions of this chapter,
373 unless such permittee, within 30 days after the receipt of
374 notice by the department, ~~corrects such false or misleading~~
375 ~~information and~~ complies with the provisions of this chapter.
376 For the purpose of this section, the notice of violation issued
377 by the department must describe in detail the alleged violation.
378 Any person aggrieved by any action of the department in denying
379 or revoking a permit under this chapter may, within 30 days
380 after receipt of the notice, apply to the department for an
381 administrative hearing pursuant to chapter 120. If a timely
382 request for hearing has been filed and the department issues a
383 final order revoking a permit, such revocation shall be
384 effective 30 days after the date of rendition. Except for
385 department action pursuant to s. 479.107(1), the filing of a
386 timely and proper notice of appeal shall operate to stay the
387 revocation until the department's action is upheld.

388 Section 11. Subsections (1), (3), (4), and (5) of section



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389 479.261, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

390 479.261 Logo sign program.—

391 (1) The department shall establish a logo sign program for
392 the rights-of-way of the interstate highway system to provide
393 information to motorists about available gas, food, lodging, and
394 camping, attractions, and other services, as approved by the
395 Federal Highway Administration, at interchanges, through the use
396 of business logos, and may include additional interchanges under
397 the program. ~~A logo sign for nearby attractions may be added to~~
398 ~~this program if allowed by federal rules.~~

399 (a) An attraction as used in this chapter is defined as an
400 establishment, site, facility, or landmark that ~~which~~ is open a
401 minimum of 5 days a week for 52 weeks a year; that ~~which charges~~
402 ~~an admission for entry; which~~ has as its principal focus family-
403 oriented entertainment, cultural, educational, recreational,
404 scientific, or historical activities; and that ~~which~~ is publicly
405 recognized as a bona fide tourist attraction. ~~However, the~~
406 ~~permits for businesses seeking to participate in the attractions~~
407 ~~logo sign program shall be awarded by the department annually to~~
408 ~~the highest bidders, notwithstanding the limitation on fees in~~
409 ~~subsection (5), which are qualified for available space at each~~
410 ~~qualified location, but the fees therefor may not be less than~~
411 ~~the fees established for logo participants in other logo~~
412 ~~categories.~~

413 (b) The department shall incorporate the use of RV-friendly
414 markers on specific information logo signs for establishments
415 that cater to the needs of persons driving recreational
416 vehicles. Establishments that qualify for participation in the
417 specific information logo program and that also qualify as "RV-



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418 friendly" may request the RV-friendly marker on their specific
419 information logo sign. An RV-friendly marker must consist of a
420 design approved by the Federal Highway Administration. The
421 department shall adopt rules in accordance with chapter 120 to
422 administer this paragraph, including rules setting forth the
423 minimum requirements that establishments must meet in order to
424 qualify as RV-friendly. These requirements shall include large
425 parking spaces, entrances, and exits that can easily accommodate
426 recreational vehicles and facilities having appropriate overhead
427 clearances, if applicable.

428 (c) The department may implement a 3-year rotation-based
429 logo program providing for the removal and addition of
430 participating businesses in the program.

431 (3) Logo signs may be installed upon the issuance of an
432 annual permit by the department or its agent and payment of a ~~an~~
433 ~~application and~~ permit fee to the department or its agent.

434 (4) The department may contract pursuant to s. 287.057 for
435 the provision of services related to the logo sign program,
436 including recruitment and qualification of businesses, review of
437 applications, permit issuance, and fabrication, installation,
438 and maintenance of logo signs. The department may reject all
439 proposals and seek another request for proposals or otherwise
440 perform the work. ~~If the department contracts for the provision~~
441 ~~of services for the logo sign program, the contract must~~
442 ~~require, unless the business owner declines, that businesses~~
443 ~~that previously entered into agreements with the department to~~
444 ~~privately fund logo sign construction and installation be~~
445 ~~reimbursed by the contractor for the cost of the signs which has~~
446 ~~not been recovered through a previously agreed upon waiver of~~



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447 ~~fees.~~ The contract also may allow the contractor to retain a
448 portion of the annual fees as compensation for its services.

449 (5) Permit fees for businesses that participate in the
450 program must be established in an amount sufficient to offset
451 the total cost to the department for the program, including
452 contract costs. The department shall provide the services in the
453 most efficient and cost-effective manner through department
454 staff or by contracting for some or all of the services. The
455 department shall adopt rules that set reasonable rates based
456 upon factors such as population, traffic volume, market demand,
457 and costs for annual permit fees. However, annual permit fees
458 for sign locations inside an urban area, as defined in s.
459 334.03(32), may not exceed \$5,000, and annual permit fees for
460 sign locations outside an urban area, as defined in s.
461 334.03(32), may not exceed \$2,500. After recovering program
462 costs, the proceeds from the logo program shall be deposited
463 into the State Transportation Trust Fund and used for
464 transportation purposes. ~~Such annual permit fee shall not exceed~~
465 ~~\$1,250.~~

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467 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

468 And the title is amended as follows:

469 Delete lines 2 - 4

470 and insert:

471 An act relating to transportation; amending s. 337.18,
472 F.S.; requiring the contractor to maintain a copy of the
473 required payment and performance bond at certain locations and
474 provide a copy upon request; providing that a copy may be
475 obtained directly from the department; removing a provision



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476 requiring that a copy be recorded in the public records of the
477 county; amending s. 337.185, F.S.; providing for the State
478 Arbitration Board to arbitrate certain claims relating to
479 maintenance contracts; providing for a member of the board to be
480 elected by maintenance companies as well as construction
481 companies; amending s. 338.01, F.S.; requiring new and
482 replacement electronic toll collection systems to be
483 interoperable with the department's system; amending s. 338.165,
484 F.S.; providing that provisions requiring the continuation of
485 tolls following the discharge of bond indebtedness does not
486 apply to high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes; creating s.
487 338.166, F.S.; authorizing the department to request that bonds
488 be issued which are secured by toll revenues from high-occupancy
489 toll or express lanes in a specified location; providing for the
490 department to continue to collect tolls after discharge of
491 indebtedness; authorizing the use of excess toll revenues for
492 improvements to the State Highway System; authorizing the
493 implementation of variable rate tolls on high-occupancy toll
494 lanes or express lanes; amending s. 338.2216, F.S.; directing
495 the Florida Turnpike Enterprise to implement new technologies
496 and processes in its operations and collection of tolls and
497 other amounts; amending s. 338.231, F.S.; revising provisions
498 for establishing and collecting tolls; authorizing the
499 collection of amounts to cover costs of toll collection and
500 payment methods; requiring public notice and hearing; amending
501 s. 479.01, F.S.; revising provisions for outdoor advertising;
502 revising the definition of the term "automatic changeable
503 facing"; amending s. 479.07, F.S.; revising a prohibition
504 against signs on the State Highway System; revising requirements



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505 for display of the sign permit tag; directing the department to
506 establish by rule a fee for furnishing a replacement permit tag;
507 revising the pilot project for permitted signs to include
508 Hillsborough County and areas within the boundaries of the City
509 of Miami; amending s. 479.08, F.S.; revising provisions for
510 denial or revocation of a sign permit; amending s. 479.261,
511 F.S.; revising requirements for the logo sign program of the
512 interstate highway system; deleting provisions providing for
513 permits to be awarded to the highest bidders; requiring the
514 department to implement a rotation-based logo program; requiring
515 the department to adopt rules that set reasonable rates based on
516 certain factors for annual permit fees; requiring that such fees
517 not exceed a certain amount for sign locations inside and
518 outside an urban area; providing an effective date.