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A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 20.24, F.S.; specifying that the executive director of the department serves at the pleasure of the Governor and Cabinet; creating a Division of Motorist Services within the department; eliminating the Division of Driver Licenses and the Division of Motor Vehicles; amending s. 261.03, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 288.816, F.S., relating to Consul Corps license plates; conforming a reference; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "motor vehicle" to include durable medical equipment and swamp buggies; revising the definition of the term "electric personal assistive mobility device"; defining the terms "swamp buggy," "road rage," and "durable medical equipment"; amending s. 316.008, F.S.; deleting the powers of local authorities to regulate assistive mobility devices on sidewalks; providing that mobility-impaired persons have the rights and responsibilities provided to pedestrians in s. 316.130, F.S., with respect to traffic regulations; amending s. 316.1905, F.S.; providing that certain traffic citations may not be issued or prosecuted unless a law enforcement officer used an electrical, mechanical, or other speed-calculating device that has been tested and approved; providing an exception; amending s. 316.1933, F.S.; authorizing a health care provider to notify a law enforcement agency after

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detecting the presence of a controlled substance in the blood of a person injured in a motor vehicle crash; amending s. 316.1957, F.S., relating to parking violations; conforming a reference; amending s. 316.2015, F.S.; prohibiting the operator of a pickup truck or flatbed truck from permitting a child who is younger than 6 years of age from riding within the open body of the truck under certain circumstances; providing for certain exceptions; making technical and grammatical changes; amending s. 316.2065, F.S.; revising safety standard requirements for bicycle helmets that must be worn by certain riders and passengers; clarifying provisions relating to when a bicycle operator must ride in a bicycle lane or along the curb or edge of the roadway; providing for enforcement of requirements for bicycle lighting equipment; providing penalties for violations; providing for dismissal of the charge following a first offense under certain circumstances; amending s. 316.2085, F.S.; requiring that license tags for mopeds and motorcycles be affixed so that the letters and numbers are legible from the rear; specifying that the tags may be displayed horizontally or vertically to the ground so that the numbers and letters read from left to right or from top to bottom; amending ss. 316.2122, 316.2124, 316.21265, 316.3026, and 316.550, F.S., relating to the operation of low-speed vehicles, motorized disability access vehicles, and all-terrain or utility vehicles, the unlawful operation of motor

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carriers, and special permits, respectively; conforming cross-references; amending s. 316.545, F.S.; providing for the regulation of apportionable vehicles; amending s. 316.613, F.S.; providing childrestraint requirements for children ages 4 through 7 years of age who are less than a specified height; providing certain exceptions; redefining the term "motor vehicle" to exclude certain vehicles from such requirements; providing that parents and others are responsible for complying with child-restraint requirements in certain chauffeur-driven vehicles; providing a grace period; amending s. 317.0003, F.S., relating to off-highway vehicles; conforming a crossreference; amending s. 317.0016, F.S.; eliminating a requirement that the department provide expedited service for certificates of repossession; amending s. 318.14, F.S.; clarifying provisions authorizing a person cited for a noncriminal traffic infraction to elect to attend a driver improvement course or enter a plea of nolo contendere; amending s. 318.15, F.S., relating to the suspension of driving privileges; conforming a reference; providing that a person charged with a traffic infraction may request a hearing that the clerk must set; providing criteria; amending s. 319.14, F.S.; prohibiting a person from knowingly offering for sale, selling, or exchanging certain vehicles unless the department has stamped in a conspicuous place on the certificate of title words stating that the vehicle is a custom vehicle or street

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rod vehicle; defining the terms "custom vehicle" and "street rod"; amending s. 319.225, F.S.; revising the requirements for the transfer and reassignment forms for vehicles; requiring that a dealer selling a vehicle out of state mail a copy of the power of attorney form to the department; providing for the electronic transfer of a vehicle title; amending s. 319.23, F.S.; providing for the application for a certificate of title, corrected certificate, or assignment or reassignment to be filed from the consummation of the sale of a mobile home; authorizing the department to accept a bond if the applicant for a certificate of title is unable to provide a title that assigns the prior owner's interest in the motor vehicle; providing requirements for the bond and the affidavit; providing for future expiration of the bond; amending s. 319.28, F.S.; eliminating certain requirements that a lienholder obtain a certificate of repossession following repossession of a vehicle or mobile home; providing that a dealer of certain farm or industrial equipment is not subject to licensure as a recovery agent or agency under certain conditions; amending s. 319.323, F.S., relating to title offices for expedited service; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 319.40, F.S.; authorizing the department to issue electronic certificates of title and use electronic mail addresses for purposes of notification, except for any notice regarding the potential forfeiture or

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foreclosure of an interest in property; amending s. 320.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "motor vehicle" to include special mobile equipment and swamp buggies; deleting an obsolete definition; revising the gross vehicle weight for purposes of defining the terms "apportionable vehicle" and "commercial motor vehicle"; defining the term "swamp buggy"; amending s. 320.02, F.S.; providing that an active-duty military member is exempt from the requirement to provide an address on an application for vehicle registration; requiring the application forms for motor vehicle registration and renewal of registration to include language permitting the applicant to make a voluntary contribution to End Hunger in Florida, Autism Services and Supports, the Auto Club South Traffic Safety Foundation, Support Our Troops and Take Stock in Children; requiring that the department retain certain records for a specified period; amending s. 320.023, F.S.; authorizing the department to retain certain proceeds derived from the voluntary contributions program to cover certain specified costs to the department; amending s. 320.03, F.S., relating to the International Registration Plan; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing for an electronic filing system agent to operate in a county other than the county in which the agent is located; providing for the division of fees; deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 320.05, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring that the

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department provide a procedures manual for a fee; clarifying that the creation and maintenance of records by the Division of Motorist Services is not a law enforcement function of agency recordkeeping; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; authorizing the department to conduct a pilot program to evaluate alternative license plate technologies for use on government-owned motor vehicles; specifying that all license plates issued by the department are the property of the state; amending s. 320.061, F.S.; providing that it is a noncriminal traffic infraction to alter a temporary license plate; amending s. 320.071, F.S.; providing for the renewal of registration for an apportionable vehicle that is registered under the International Registration Plan; amending s. 320.0715, F.S.; clarifying provisions requiring the registration of apportionable vehicles under the International Registration Plan; amending s. 320.08, F.S., relating to license taxes; conforming cross-references; creating s. 320.08051, F.S.; providing for the approval of certain specialty license plate applications; providing conditions; requiring the organization to submit certain information to the department for the specialty plate; requiring the department to begin production of any approved specialty plate within a certain time; providing for a fee; requiring compliance with all other provisions relating to specialty plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; changing the recipient of the proceeds for the

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Live the Dream license plates to the Florida Dream Foundation, Inc.; amending s. 320.08068, F.S.; revising use of funds received from the sale of motorcycle specialty license plates; amending s. 320.0847, F.S., relating to license plates for mini trucks and low-speed vehicles; conforming crossreferences; amending s. 320.0848, F.S.; revising the requirements for disabled parking permit renewals; requiring a permitholder to personally appear to obtain a renewal or replacement permit; revising the requirements for the deposit of fee proceeds from temporary disabled parking permits; amending s. 320.275, F.S., relating to the Automobile Dealers Industry Advisory Board; conforming provisions to the elimination of the Division of Motor Vehicles within the department; amending s. 320.771, F.S.; specifying circumstances under which certain dealers may apply for a certificate of title to a recreational vehicle using a manufacturer's statement of origin; amending s. 320.95, F.S.; authorizing the department to use electronic mail addresses for the purpose of providing license renewal notices; amending s. 321.02, F.S.; designating the director of the Division of Highway Patrol of the department as the Colonel of the Florida Highway Patrol; amending s. 322.02, F.S.; providing for a director of the Division of Motorist Services; amending s. 322.04, F.S.; revising provisions exempting a nonresident from the requirement to obtain a driver's license under certain circumstances;

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amending s. 322.051, F.S.; revising the means by which an applicant for an identification card may prove nonimmigrant classification; clarifying the validity of an identification card based on specified documents; providing for the department to waive the fees for issuing or renewing an identification card to persons who present good cause for such waiver; amending s. 322.058, F.S.; conforming a crossreference; amending s. 322.065, F.S.; revising the period of expiration that constitutes the offense of driving with an expired driver's license; amending s. 322.07, F.S.; clarifying the qualifications for obtaining a temporary commercial instruction permit; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; revising requirements by which an applicant for a driver's license may prove nonimmigrant classification; clarifying the validity of a license based on specified documents; providing for driver's license application forms to allow the applicant to make a voluntary contribution to Autism Services and Supports, the Auto Club South Traffic Safety Foundation, and Support Our Troops; authorizing the department to use electronic mail addresses for the purposes of providing license renewal notices; amending s. 322.081, F.S.; authorizing the department to retain certain proceeds derived from the voluntary contributions made on driver's license applications to cover certain specified costs to the department; amending s. 322.12, F.S.; deleting provisions requiring a separate examination for applicants for a

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license to operate a motorcycle; requiring that the motorcycle safety course for a first-time applicant include a final examination; requiring that completion of the course be indicated on the license; amending s. 322.121, F.S.; clarifying provisions authorizing the automatic extension of a license for members of the Armed Forces or their dependents while serving on active duty outside the state; amending s. 322.14, F.S.; deleting a requirement that applicants for specified licenses appear in person for issuance of a color photographic or digital imaged driver's license; creating s. 322.1415, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue a specialty driver's license or identification card to qualified applicants; specifying that, at a minimum, the specialty driver's licenses and identification cards must be available for certain state and independent universities and professional sports teams and all of the branches of the United States military; requiring that the design of each specialty driver's license and identification card be approved by the department; creating s. 322.145, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to implement a system providing for the electronic authentication of driver's licenses; providing criteria for a token for security authenticity; requiring that the department contract for implementation of the electronic verification; amending s. 322.20, F.S., relating to department

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records; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 322.202, F.S.; clarifying that the Division of Motorist Services is not a law enforcement agency; amending s. 322.21, F.S.; providing for the distribution of funds collected from the specialty driver's license and identification card fees: conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing a driver to renew his or her driver's license during a specified period before the license expiration date; amending s. 322.53, F.S.; revising provisions exempting certain farmers and drivers who operate straight trucks from the requirement to obtain a commercial driver's license; amending s. 322.54, F.S.; requiring that the weight of a commercial motor vehicle be based on the vehicle's actual weight under certain circumstances; repealing s. 322.58, F.S., relating to holders of chauffeur's licenses; amending s. 322.59, F.S.; requiring that the department disqualify a driver holding a commercial driver's license who fails to comply with specified federal certification requirements; amending s. 322.61, F.S.; providing that the holder of a commercial driver's license is permanently disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle following two violations of specified offenses committed while operating any vehicle; amending s. 322.64, F.S.; providing that a notice of disqualification from operating a commercial motor vehicle acts as a conviction for purposes of certain federal restrictions imposed for the offense

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of operating a commercial motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol; deleting provisions authorizing the department to impose certain alternative restrictions for such offense; amending s. 328.30, F.S.; authorizing the department to issue electronic certificates of title for vessels and use electronic mail addresses for purposes of providing renewal notices; amending s. 413.012, F.S., relating to a prohibition on disclosing confidential records held by the department; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 713.78, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; creating the "Highway Safety Act"; providing legislative intent relating to road rage and aggressive careless driving; amending s. 316.083, F.S.; requiring an operator of a motor vehicle to yield the left lane when being overtaken on a multilane highway; providing exceptions; amending s. 316.1923, F.S.; revising the number of specified acts necessary to qualify as an aggressive careless driver; providing specified punishments for aggressive careless driving, including imposition of an increased fine; amending s. 318.121, F.S.; revising the preemption of additional fees, fines, surcharges, and court costs to allow imposition of the increased fine for aggressive careless driving; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; specifying the amount of the fine and the allocation of moneys received from the increased fine imposed for aggressive careless driving; amending s. 318.19, F.S.; providing that a second or subsequent

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infraction as an aggressive careless driver requires attendance at a mandatory hearing; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide information about the Highway Safety Act in driver's license educational materials; reenacting s. 316.650(1)(a), F.S., relating to traffic citations, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 316.1923, F.S., in a reference thereto; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; providing for the issuance of a Combat Infantry Badge license plate; providing qualifications and requirements for the plate; providing for the use of proceeds from the sale of the plate; amending ss. 318.1451 and 322.095, F.S.; requiring the curricula of driver improvement schools and education programs for driver's license applicants to include instruction on the dangers of driving while distracted, which must specifically include the use of technology while driving; amending s. 320.27, F.S.; exempting salvage motor vehicle dealers from certain insurance requirements; amending s. 316.6135, F.S.; clarifying the criteria under which a child may not be left unattended in a vehicle; providing a short title; providing for a voluntary emergency contact information program established by the department; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; providing that proceeds from the sale of Support Soccer license plates shall be distributed to the Florida Soccer Foundation, Inc.; providing effective dates.

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Section 1. Section 20.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 353 20.24 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.—
  354 There is created a Department of Highway Safety and Motor
  355 Vehicles.
  - (1) The head of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is the Governor and Cabinet. An executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and Cabinet. The executive director may establish a command, operational, and administrative services structure to assist, manage, and support the department in operating programs and delivering services.
  - (2) The following divisions, and bureaus within the divisions, of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles are established:
    - (a) Division of the Florida Highway Patrol.
    - (b) Division of Motorist Services.
    - (b) Division of Driver Licenses.
    - (c) Division of Motor Vehicles.

Section 2. Subsection (9) of section 261.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(9) "ROV" means any motorized recreational off-highway vehicle 64 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 2,000 pounds or less, designed to travel on four or more nonhighway tires, having nonstraddle seating and a steering wheel, and manufactured for recreational use by one or more persons. The term "ROV" does not include a golf cart as defined in ss.

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 $320.01\frac{(22)}{(42)}$  and 316.003(68) or a low-speed vehicle as defined in s.  $320.01\frac{(42)}{(42)}$ .

Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 288.816, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.816 Intergovernmental relations.-

- (2) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall be responsible for all consular relations between the state and all foreign governments doing business in Florida. The office shall monitor United States laws and directives to ensure that all federal treaties regarding foreign privileges and immunities are properly observed. The office shall promulgate rules which shall:
- (e) Verify entitlement to issuance of special motor vehicle license plates by the Division of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to honorary consuls or such other officials representing foreign governments who are not entitled to issuance of special Consul Corps license plates by the United States Government.

Section 4. Subsections (2), (21), and (83) of section 316.003, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (89), (90), and (91) are added to that section, to read:

316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except where the context otherwise requires:

(2) BICYCLE.—Every vehicle propelled solely by human power, and every motorized bicycle propelled by a combination of human power and an electric helper motor capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on level

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ground upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels or three wheels, and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear wheels. The term does not include such a vehicle with a seat height of no more than 25 inches from the ground when the seat is adjusted to its highest position or a scooter or similar device. No person under the age of 16 may operate or ride upon a motorized bicycle.

- (21) MOTOR VEHICLE.—Any self-propelled vehicle not operated upon rails or guideway, but not including any bicycle, motorized scooter, electric personal assistive mobility device, <u>durable</u> medical equipment, swamp buggy, or moped.
- (83) ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE.—Any self-balancing, two-nontandem-wheeled device, commonly known as a Segway, designed to transport only one person, with an electric propulsion system with average power of 750 watts (1 horsepower), the maximum speed of which, on a paved level surface when powered solely by such a propulsion system while being ridden by an operator who weighs 170 pounds, is less than 20 miles per hour. Electric personal assistive mobility devices are not vehicles as defined in this section.
- (89) SWAMP BUGGY.—A motorized off-road vehicle designed to travel over swampy terrain, which may utilize large tires or tracks operated from an elevated platform, and may be used on varied terrain. A swamp buggy does not include any vehicle defined in chapter 261 or otherwise defined or classified in this chapter. A swamp buggy may not be operated upon the public roads, streets, or highways of this state, except to the extent specifically authorized by a state or federal agency to be used

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exclusively upon lands, managed, owned, or leased by that
agency.

- (90) ROAD RAGE.—The act of a driver or passenger to intentionally or unintentionally, due to a loss of emotional control, injure or kill another driver, passenger, or pedestrian, or to attempt or threaten to injure or kill another driver, passenger, or pedestrian.
- (91) DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.—Any three— or four-wheeled mobility device, including a manually propelled or powered wheelchair or motorized scooter, which is designed to provide transportation for mobility-impaired persons.

Section 5. Subsection (7) of section 316.008, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.008 Powers of local authorities.

(7) A county or municipality may enact an ordinance to permit, control, or regulate the operation of vehicles, golf carts, mopeds, motorized scooters, and electric personal assistive mobility devices on sidewalks or sidewalk areas when such use is permissible under federal law. The ordinance must restrict such vehicles or devices to a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour in such areas.

Section 6. Mobility-impaired persons have the same rights, responsibilities, and restrictions as provided for pedestrians in s. 316.130, Florida Statutes, including persons who:

- (1) Are legally blind;
- (2) Are unable to walk without assistance from another person or the use of a brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device;
  - (3) Are restricted by lung disease to the extent that their

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forced expiratory volume for 1 second, when measured by spirometry, is less than 1 liter, their arterial oxygen is less than 60mm/hg on room air at rest, or they require the use of portable oxygen;

- (4) Are restricted by a cardiac condition to the extent that their functional limitations are classified as Class III or Class IV in severity, by American Heart Association standards; or
- (5) Are restricted in their ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition.

Section 7. Section 316.1905, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.1905 Electrical, mechanical, or other speed calculating devices; power of arrest; evidence.—

- (1) Whenever any peace officer engaged in the enforcement of the motor vehicle laws of this state uses an electronic, electrical, mechanical, or other device used to determine the speed of a motor vehicle on any highway, road, street, or other public way, such device shall be of a type approved by the department and shall have been tested to determine that it is operating accurately. Tests for this purpose shall be made not less than once each 6 months, according to procedures and at regular intervals of time prescribed by the department.
- (2) Any police officer, upon receiving information relayed to him or her from a fellow officer stationed on the ground or in the air operating such a device that a driver of a vehicle has violated the speed laws of this state, may arrest the driver for violation of said laws where reasonable and proper identification of the vehicle and the speed of same has been

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communicated to the arresting officer.

- (3) A citations for a violation of s. 316.183, s. 316.187, s. 316.189, or s. 316.1893 may not be issued or prosecuted unless a law enforcement officer used an electrical, mechanical, or other speed-calculating device that has been tested and approved in accordance with subsection (1), or unless the violation is determined to have contributed to a crash and the law enforcement officer is able to determine by other reliable measures that the driver was speeding.
- (4) (3) (a) A witness otherwise qualified to testify shall be competent to give testimony against an accused violator of the motor vehicle laws of this state when such testimony is derived from the use of such an electronic, electrical, mechanical, or other device used in the calculation of speed, upon showing that the speed calculating device which was used had been tested. However, the operator of any visual average speed computer device shall first be certified as a competent operator of such device by the department.
- (b) Upon the production of a certificate, signed and witnessed, showing that such device was tested within the time period specified and that such device was working properly, a presumption is established to that effect unless the contrary shall be established by competent evidence.
- (c) Any person accused pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be entitled to have the officer actually operating the device appear in court and testify upon oral or written motion.

Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 316.1933, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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316.1933 Blood test for impairment or intoxication in cases of death or serious bodily injury; right to use reasonable force.—

- (2) (a) Only a physician, certified paramedic, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, other personnel authorized by a hospital to draw blood, or duly licensed clinical laboratory director, supervisor, technologist, or technician, acting at the request of a law enforcement officer, may withdraw blood for the purpose of determining the alcoholic content thereof or the presence of chemical substances or controlled substances therein. However, the failure of a law enforcement officer to request the withdrawal of blood shall not affect the admissibility of a test of blood withdrawn for medical purposes.
- 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law pertaining to the confidentiality of hospital records or other medical records, if a health care provider, who is providing medical care in a health care facility to a person injured in a motor vehicle crash, becomes aware, as a result of any blood test performed in the course of that medical treatment, that the person's bloodalcohol level meets or exceeds the blood-alcohol level specified in s. 316.193(1)(b), or detects the presence of a controlled substance listed in chapter 893, the health care provider may notify any law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency. Any such notice must be given within a reasonable time after the health care provider receives the test result. Any such notice shall be used only for the purpose of providing the law enforcement officer with reasonable cause to request the withdrawal of a blood sample pursuant to this section.
  - 2. The notice shall consist only of the name of the person

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being treated, the name of the person who drew the blood, the blood-alcohol level indicated by the test, and the date and time of the administration of the test.

- 3. Nothing contained in s. 395.3025(4), s. 456.057, or any applicable practice act affects the authority to provide notice under this section, and the health care provider is not considered to have breached any duty owed to the person under s. 395.3025(4), s. 456.057, or any applicable practice act by providing notice or failing to provide notice. It shall not be a breach of any ethical, moral, or legal duty for a health care provider to provide notice or fail to provide notice.
- 4. A civil, criminal, or administrative action may not be brought against any person or health care provider participating in good faith in the provision of notice or failure to provide notice as provided in this section. Any person or health care provider participating in the provision of notice or failure to provide notice as provided in this section shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability and from any professional disciplinary action with respect to the provision of notice or failure to provide notice under this section. Any such participant has the same immunity with respect to participating in any judicial proceedings resulting from the notice or failure to provide notice.

Section 9. Section 316.1957, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.1957 Parking violations; designated parking spaces for persons who have disabilities.—When evidence is presented in any court of the fact that any motor vehicle was parked in a properly designated parking space for persons who have

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disabilities in violation of s. 316.1955, it is prima facie evidence that the vehicle was parked and left in the space by the person, firm, or corporation in whose name the vehicle is registered and licensed according to the records of the department Division of Motor Vehicles.

Section 10. Section 316.2015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.2015 Unlawful for person to ride on exterior of vehicle.—

- (1) The It is unlawful for any operator of a passenger vehicle may not to permit any person to ride on the bumper, radiator, fender, hood, top, trunk, or running board of such vehicle when operated upon any street or highway that which is maintained by the state, county, or municipality. Any person who violates this subsection shall be cited for a moving violation, punishable as provided in chapter 318.
- (2) (a) A No person may not shall ride on any vehicle or upon any portion thereof which is not designed or intended for the use of passengers. This paragraph does not apply to an employee of a fire department, an employee of a governmentally operated solid waste disposal department or a waste disposal service operating pursuant to a contract with a governmental entity, or to a volunteer firefighter when the employee or firefighter is engaged in the necessary discharge of a duty, and does not apply to a person who is being transported in response to an emergency by a public agency or pursuant to the direction or authority of a public agency. This paragraph does not apply to an employee engaged in the necessary discharge of a duty or to a person or persons riding within truck bodies in space

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- (b) The It is unlawful for any operator of a pickup truck or flatbed truck may not to permit a person minor child who is younger than has not attained 18 years of age to ride upon limited access facilities of the state within the open body of a pickup truck or flatbed truck unless the minor is restrained within the open body in the back of a truck that has been modified to include secure seating and safety restraints to prevent the passenger from being thrown, falling, or jumping from the truck. This paragraph does not apply in a medical emergency if the child is accompanied within the truck by an adult. A county is exempt from this paragraph if the governing body of the county, by majority vote, following a noticed public hearing, votes to exempt the county from this paragraph.
- (c) The operator of a pickup truck or flatbed truck may not permit a child who is younger than 6 years of age to ride within the open body of a pickup truck or flatbed truck while the truck is operating on any publicly maintained street or highway having a posted speed limit that is greater than 35 miles per hour unless the minor is restrained within the open body in the back of a truck that has been modified to include secure seating and safety restraints to prevent the passenger from being thrown, falling, or jumping from the truck. This paragraph does not apply in a medical emergency if the child is accompanied within the truck by an adult. A county is exempt from this paragraph if the governing body of the county, by a majority vote, following a noticed public hearing, votes to exempt the county from this paragraph. An operator of a pickup truck is exempt from this

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operator or his or her immediate family.

- (d) (e) Any person who violates this subsection shall be cited for a nonmoving violation, punishable as provided in chapter 318.
- (3) This section <u>does</u> shall not apply to a performer engaged in a professional exhibition or person participating in an exhibition or parade, or any such person preparing to participate in such exhibitions or parades.

Section 11. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) and subsections (5) and (8) of section 316.2065, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.2065 Bicycle regulations.-

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- (d) A bicycle rider or passenger who is under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted and is fastened securely upon the passenger's head by a strap, and that meets the federal safety standard for bicycle helmets, final rule, 16 C.F.R. part 1203. Helmets purchased before October 1, 2011, and meeting standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI Z 90.4 Bicycle Helmet Standards), the standards of the Snell Memorial Foundation (1984 Standard for Protective Headgear for Use in Bicycling), or any other nationally recognized standards for bicycle helmets adopted by the department may continue to be worn by riders or passengers until January 1, 2015. As used in this subsection, the term "passenger" includes a child who is riding in a trailer or semitrailer attached to a bicycle.
- (5)(a) Any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and

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under the conditions then existing shall ride in the lane marked for bicycle use or, if no lane is marked for bicycle use, as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except under any of the following situations:

- 1. When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
- 2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
- 3. When reasonably necessary to avoid any condition or potential conflict, including, but not limited to, a fixed or moving object, parked or moving vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian, animal, surface hazard, turn lane, or substandard-width lane, which that makes it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge or within a bicycle lane. For the purposes of this subsection, a "substandard-width lane" is a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and another vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.
- (b) Any person operating a bicycle upon a one-way highway with two or more marked traffic lanes may ride as near the left-hand curb or edge of such roadway as practicable.
- (8) Every bicycle in use between sunset and sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and a lamp and reflector on the rear each exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 600 feet to the rear. A bicycle or its rider may be equipped with lights or reflectors in addition to those required by this section. A law enforcement officer may issue a bicycle safety brochure and a verbal warning to a bicycle rider who violates this subsection. A bicycle rider who

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violates this subsection may be issued a citation by a law enforcement officer and assessed a fine for a pedestrian violation, as provided in s. 318.18. The court shall dismiss the charge against a bicycle rider for a first violation of this subsection upon proof of purchase and installation of the proper lighting equipment.

Section 12. Subsection (3) of section 316.2085, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.2085 Riding on motorcycles or mopeds.-

(3) The license tag of a motorcycle or moped must be permanently affixed to the vehicle and may not be adjusted or capable of being flipped up, inverted, reversed, or in any other way rendered to make the letters of the tag illegible from the rear while the vehicle is being operated. Concealing No device for or method of concealing or obscuring the legibility of the license tag of a motorcycle is prohibited shall be installed or used. The license tag of a motorcycle or moped may be affixed horizontally or vertically to the ground so that the numbers and letters read from left to right or from top to bottom. Alternatively, a license tag for a motorcycle or moped for which the numbers and letters read from top to bottom may be affixed perpendicularly to the ground, provided that the registered owner of the motorcycle or moped maintains a prepaid toll account in good standing and a transponder associated with the prepaid toll account is affixed to the motorcycle or moped.

Section 13. Section 316.2122, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.2122 Operation of a low-speed vehicle or mini truck on certain roadways.—The operation of a low-speed vehicle as

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defined in s.  $320.01\frac{(42)}{(42)}$  or a mini truck as defined in s.  $320.01\frac{(45)}{(45)}$  on any road as defined in s. 334.03(15) or (33) is authorized with the following restrictions:

- (1) A low-speed vehicle or mini truck may be operated only on streets where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. This does not prohibit a low-speed vehicle or mini truck from crossing a road or street at an intersection where the road or street has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.
- (2) A low-speed vehicle must be equipped with headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, taillamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, and vehicle identification numbers.
- (3) A low-speed vehicle or mini truck must be registered and insured in accordance with s. 320.02 and titled pursuant to chapter 319.
- (4) Any person operating a low-speed vehicle or mini truck must have in his or her possession a valid driver's license.
- (5) A county or municipality may prohibit the operation of low-speed vehicles or mini trucks on any road under its jurisdiction if the governing body of the county or municipality determines that such prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.
- (6) The Department of Transportation may prohibit the operation of low-speed vehicles or mini trucks on any road under its jurisdiction if it determines that such prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.

Section 14. Section 316.2124, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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316.2124 Motorized disability access vehicles.—The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is directed to provide, by rule, for the regulation of motorized disability access vehicles as described in s. 320.01(34). The department shall provide that motorized disability access vehicles shall be registered in the same manner as motorcycles and shall pay the same registration fee as for a motorcycle. There shall also be assessed, in addition to the registration fee, a \$2.50 surcharge for motorized disability access vehicles. This surcharge shall be paid into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. Motorized disability access vehicles shall not be required to be titled by the department. The department shall require motorized disability access vehicles to be subject to the same safety requirements as set forth in this chapter for motorcycles.

Section 15. Section 316.21265, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.21265 Use of all-terrain vehicles, golf carts, low-speed vehicles, or utility vehicles by law enforcement agencies.—

- (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any law enforcement agency in this state may operate all-terrain vehicles as defined in s. 316.2074, golf carts as defined in s. 320.01(22), low-speed vehicles as defined in s. 320.01(42), or utility vehicles as defined in s. 320.01(43) on any street, road, or highway in this state while carrying out its official duties.
- (2) Such vehicles must be clearly marked as vehicles of a law enforcement agency and may be equipped with special warning lights, signaling devices, or other equipment approved or

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authorized for use on law enforcement vehicles.

(3) The vehicle operator and passengers must wear safety gear, such as helmets, which is ordinarily required for use by operators or passengers on such vehicles.

Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 316.3026, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.3026 Unlawful operation of motor carriers.-

(1) The Office of Motor Carrier Compliance of the Department of Transportation may issue out-of-service orders to motor carriers, as defined in s. 320.01 + (33), who have after proper notice failed to pay any penalty or fine assessed by the department, or its agent, against any owner or motor carrier for violations of state law, refused to submit to a compliance review and provide records pursuant to s. 316.302(5) or s. 316.70, or violated safety regulations pursuant to s. 316.302 or insurance requirements found in s. 627.7415. Such out-of-service orders shall have the effect of prohibiting the operations of any motor vehicles owned, leased, or otherwise operated by the motor carrier upon the roadways of this state, until such time as the violations have been corrected or penalties have been paid. Out-of-service orders issued under this section must be approved by the Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee. An administrative hearing pursuant to s. 120.569 shall be afforded to motor carriers subject to such orders.

Section 17. Subsection (3) of section 316.545, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.545 Weight and load unlawful; special fuel and motor fuel tax enforcement; inspection; penalty; review.—

(3) Any person who violates the overloading provisions of

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this chapter shall be conclusively presumed to have damaged the highways of this state by reason of such overloading, which damage is hereby fixed as follows:

- (a) When the excess weight is 200 pounds or less than the maximum herein provided, the penalty shall be \$10;
- (b) Five cents per pound for each pound of weight in excess of the maximum herein provided when the excess weight exceeds 200 pounds. However, whenever the gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles does not exceed the maximum allowable gross weight, the maximum fine for the first 600 pounds of unlawful axle weight shall be \$10;
- (c) For a vehicle equipped with fully functional idlereduction technology, any penalty shall be calculated by
  reducing the actual gross vehicle weight or the internal bridge
  weight by the certified weight of the idle-reduction technology
  or by 400 pounds, whichever is less. The vehicle operator must
  present written certification of the weight of the idlereduction technology and must demonstrate or certify that the
  idle-reduction technology is fully functional at all times. This
  calculation is not allowed for vehicles described in s.
  316.535(6);
- (d) An <u>apportionable</u> apportioned motor vehicle, as defined in s. 320.01, operating on the highways of this state without being properly licensed and registered shall be subject to the penalties as herein provided; and
- (e) Vehicles operating on the highways of this state from nonmember International Registration Plan jurisdictions which are not in compliance with the provisions of s. 316.605 shall be subject to the penalties as herein provided.

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Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) and subsection (10) of section 316.550, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 316.550 Operations not in conformity with law; special permits.—

- (5) (a) The Department of Transportation may issue a wrecker special blanket permit to authorize a wrecker as defined in s. 320.01<del>(40)</del> to tow a disabled vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(38) where the combination of the wrecker and the disabled vehicle being towed exceeds the maximum weight limits as established by s. 316.535.
- (10) Whenever any motor vehicle, or the combination of a wrecker as defined in s. 320.01<del>(40)</del> and a towed motor vehicle, exceeds any weight or dimensional criteria or special operational or safety stipulation contained in a special permit issued under the provisions of this section, the penalty assessed to the owner or operator shall be as follows:
- (a) For violation of weight criteria contained in a special permit, the penalty per pound or portion thereof exceeding the permitted weight shall be as provided in s. 316.545.
- (b) For each violation of dimensional criteria in a special permit, the penalty shall be as provided in s. 316.516 and penalties for multiple violations of dimensional criteria shall be cumulative except that the total penalty for the vehicle shall not exceed \$1,000.
- (c) For each violation of an operational or safety stipulation in a special permit, the penalty shall be an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per violation and penalties for multiple violations of operational or safety stipulations shall be cumulative except that the total penalty for the vehicle shall

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- (d) For violation of any special condition that has been prescribed in the rules of the Department of Transportation and declared on the permit, the vehicle shall be determined to be out of conformance with the permit and the permit shall be declared null and void for the vehicle, and weight and dimensional limits for the vehicle shall be as established in s. 316.515 or s. 316.535, whichever is applicable, and:
- 1. For weight violations, a penalty as provided in s. 316.545 shall be assessed for those weights which exceed the limits thus established for the vehicle; and
- 2. For dimensional, operational, or safety violations, a penalty as established in paragraph (c) or s. 316.516, whichever is applicable, shall be assessed for each nonconforming dimensional, operational, or safety violation and the penalties for multiple violations shall be cumulative for the vehicle.

Section 19. Effective July 1, 2012, subsection (1) and paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 316.613, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

316.613 Child restraint requirements.-

(1) (a) Each Every operator of a motor vehicle as defined herein, while transporting a child in a motor vehicle operated on the roadways, streets, or highways of this state, shall, if the child is 7 5 years of age or younger and is less than 4 feet 9 inches in height, provide for protection of the child by properly using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device that is appropriate for the height and weight of the child. The device may include a vehicle manufacturer's

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integrated child seat, a separate child safety seat, or a child booster seat that displays the child's weight and height specifications for the seat on the attached manufacturer's label as required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213. The device must comply with the standards of the United States Department of Transportation and be secured in the motor vehicle in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The court may dismiss the charge against a motor vehicle operator for a first violation of this subsection upon proof that a federally approved child restraint device has been purchased or otherwise obtained.

- (b) For children aged through 3 years, such restraint device must be a separate carrier or a vehicle manufacturer's integrated child seat.
- (c) For children aged 4 through 7 5 years who are less than 4 feet 9 inches in height, a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat belt may be used. However, the requirement to use a child booster seat does not apply when a separate carrier, integrated child seat, or seat belt as required in s. 316.614(4)(a) is used and the person is:
- 1. Transporting the child gratuitously and in good faith in response to a declared emergency situation or an immediate emergency involving the child; or
- 2. Transporting a child whose medical condition necessitates an exception as evidenced by appropriate documentation from a health professional.
- (d) (b) The Division of Motor Vehicles shall provide notice of the requirement for child restraint devices, which notice shall accompany the delivery of each motor vehicle license tag.

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- (2) As used in this section, the term "motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle as defined in s. 316.003 that is operated on the roadways, streets, and highways of the state. The term does not include:
- (b) A bus or a passenger vehicle designed to accommodate 10 or more persons and used for the transportation of persons for compensation, other than a bus regularly used to transport children to or from school, as defined in s. 316.615(1)(b), or in conjunction with school activities.
- (6) It is the legislative intent that the child-restraint requirements imposed by this section shall not apply to a chauffeur-driven taxi, limousine, sedan, van, bus, motor coach, or other passenger vehicle if the operator and the motor vehicle are hired and used for transporting persons for compensation. It shall be the obligation and responsibility of the parent, guardian, or other person responsible for a child's welfare as defined in s. 39.01(47), to comply with the requirements of this section.

Section 20. Effective July 1, 2011, a driver of a motor vehicle who does not violate the then-existing provisions of s. 316.613(1)(c), Florida Statutes, but whose conduct would violate that provision, as amended July 1, 2012, shall be issued a verbal warning and given educational literature by a law enforcement officer.

Section 21. Subsection (9) of section 317.0003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 317.0003 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
- (9) "ROV" means any motorized recreational off-highway vehicle 64 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 2,000

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pounds or less, designed to travel on four or more nonhighway tires, having nonstraddle seating and a steering wheel, and manufactured for recreational use by one or more persons. The term "ROV" does not include a golf cart as defined in ss. 320.01(22) and 316.003(68) or a low-speed vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(42).

Section 22. Section 317.0016, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

317.0016 Expedited service; applications; fees.—The department shall provide, through its agents and for use by the public, expedited service on title transfers, title issuances, duplicate titles, and recordation of liens, and certificates of repossession. A fee of \$7 shall be charged for this service, which is in addition to the fees imposed by ss. 317.0007 and 317.0008, and \$3.50 of this fee shall be retained by the processing agency. All remaining fees shall be deposited in the Incidental Trust Fund of the Division of Forestry of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Application for expedited service may be made by mail or in person. The department shall issue each title applied for pursuant to this section within 5 working days after receipt of the application except for an application for a duplicate title certificate covered by s. 317.0008(3), in which case the title must be issued within 5 working days after compliance with the department's verification requirements.

Section 23. Subsection (9) and paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of section 318.14, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
318.14 Noncriminal traffic infractions; exception;
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(9) Any person who does not hold a commercial driver's license and who is cited while driving a noncommercial motor vehicle for an infraction under this section other than a violation of s. 316.183(2), s. 316.187, or s. 316.189 when the driver exceeds the posted limit by 30 miles per hour or more, s. 320.0605, s. 320.07(3)(a) or (b), s. 322.065, s. 322.15(1), s. 322.61, or s. 322.62 may, in lieu of a court appearance, elect to attend in the location of his or her choice within this state a basic driver improvement course approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. In such a case, adjudication must be withheld and points, as provided by s. 322.27, may not be assessed. However, a person may not make an election under this subsection if the person has made an election under this subsection in the preceding 12 months. A person may make no more than five elections within his or her lifetime under this subsection. The requirement for community service under s. 318.18(8) is not waived by a plea of nolo contendere or by the withholding of adjudication of quilt by a court. If a person makes an election to attend a basic driver improvement course under this subsection, 18 percent of the civil penalty imposed under s. 318.18(3) shall be deposited in the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund; however, that portion is not revenue for purposes of s. 28.36 and may not be used in establishing the budget of the clerk of the court under that section or s. 28.35. (10) (a) Any person who does not hold a commercial driver's

(10) (a) Any person who does not hold a commercial driver's license and who is cited while driving a noncommercial motor vehicle for an offense listed under this subsection may, in lieu of payment of fine or court appearance, elect to enter a plea of nolo contendere and provide proof of compliance to the clerk of

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the court, designated official, or authorized operator of a traffic violations bureau. In such case, adjudication shall be withheld; however, no election shall be made under this subsection if such person has made an election under this subsection in the 12 months preceding election hereunder. No person may make more than three elections under this subsection. This subsection applies to the following offenses:

- 1. Operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license in violation of the provisions of s. 322.03, s. 322.065, or s. 322.15(1), or operating a motor vehicle with a license that has been suspended for failure to appear, failure to pay civil penalty, or failure to attend a driver improvement course pursuant to s. 322.291.
- 2. Operating a motor vehicle without a valid registration in violation of s. 320.0605, s. 320.07, or s. 320.131.
  - 3. Operating a motor vehicle in violation of s. 316.646.
- 4. Operating a motor vehicle with a license that has been suspended under s. 61.13016 or s. 322.245 for failure to pay child support or for failure to pay any other financial obligation as provided in s. 322.245; however, this subparagraph does not apply if the license has been suspended pursuant to s. 322.245(1).
- 5. Operating a motor vehicle with a license that has been suspended under s. 322.091 for failure to meet school attendance requirements.
- Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 318.15, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, to read:
  - 318.15 Failure to comply with civil penalty or to appear;

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(1)(a) If a person fails to comply with the civil penalties provided in s. 318.18 within the time period specified in s. 318.14(4), fails to enter into or comply with the terms of a penalty payment plan with the clerk of the court in accordance with ss. 318.14 and 28.246, fails to attend driver improvement school, or fails to appear at a scheduled hearing, the clerk of the court shall notify the Division of Driver Licenses of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles of such failure within 10 days after such failure. Upon receipt of such notice, the department shall immediately issue an order suspending the driver's license and privilege to drive of such person effective 20 days after the date the order of suspension is mailed in accordance with s. 322.251(1), (2), and (6). Any such suspension of the driving privilege which has not been reinstated, including a similar suspension imposed outside Florida, shall remain on the records of the department for a period of 7 years from the date imposed and shall be removed from the records after the expiration of 7 years from the date it is imposed.

(c) A person charged with a traffic infraction may request a hearing within 180 days after the date of the violation, regardless of any action taken by the court or the department to suspend the driving privilege of the person, and upon request, the clerk must set the case for hearing. The person shall be given a form for requesting that the driving privilege be reinstated. The court may grant a request for a hearing made after 180 days after the alleged offense. This paragraph does not affect the assessment of late fees as otherwise provided in this chapter.

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Section 25. Section 319.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

319.14 Sale of motor vehicles registered or used as taxicabs, police vehicles, lease vehicles, or rebuilt vehicles, and nonconforming vehicles, custom vehicles, or street rod vehicles.—

- (1)(a) A No person may not shall knowingly offer for sale, sell, or exchange any vehicle that has been licensed, registered, or used as a taxicab, police vehicle, or short-termlease vehicle, or a vehicle that has been repurchased by a manufacturer pursuant to a settlement, determination, or decision under chapter 681, until the department has stamped in a conspicuous place on the certificate of title of the vehicle, or its duplicate, words stating the nature of the previous use of the vehicle or the title has been stamped "Manufacturer's Buy Back" to reflect that the vehicle is a nonconforming vehicle. If the certificate of title or duplicate was not so stamped upon initial issuance thereof or if, subsequent to initial issuance of the title, the use of the vehicle is changed to a use requiring the notation provided for in this section, the owner or lienholder of the vehicle shall surrender the certificate of title or duplicate to the department before prior to offering the vehicle for sale, and the department shall stamp the certificate or duplicate as required herein. If When a vehicle has been repurchased by a manufacturer pursuant to a settlement, determination, or decision under chapter 681, the title shall be stamped "Manufacturer's Buy Back" to reflect that the vehicle is a nonconforming vehicle.
  - (b) A No person may not shall knowingly offer for sale,

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sell, or exchange a rebuilt vehicle until the department has stamped in a conspicuous place on the certificate of title for the vehicle words stating that the vehicle has been rebuilt or assembled from parts, or is a kit car, glider kit, replica, or flood vehicle, custom vehicle, or street rod vehicle unless proper application for a certificate of title for a vehicle that is rebuilt or assembled from parts, or is a kit car, glider kit, replica, or flood vehicle, custom vehicle, or street rod vehicle has been made to the department in accordance with this chapter and the department has conducted the physical examination of the vehicle to assure the identity of the vehicle and all major component parts, as defined in s. 319.30(1), which have been repaired or replaced. Thereafter, the department shall affix a decal to the vehicle, in the manner prescribed by the department, showing the vehicle to be rebuilt. A vehicle may not be inspected or issued a rebuilt title until all major component parts, as defined in s. 319.30, which were damaged have been repaired or replaced.

- (c) As used in this section, the term:
- 1. "Police vehicle" means a motor vehicle owned or leased by the state or a county or municipality and used in law enforcement.
- 2.a. "Short-term-lease vehicle" means a motor vehicle leased without a driver and under a written agreement to one or more persons from time to time for a period of less than 12 months.
- b. "Long-term-lease vehicle" means a motor vehicle leased without a driver and under a written agreement to one person for a period of 12 months or longer.

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- c. "Lease vehicle" includes both short-term-lease vehicles and long-term-lease vehicles.
- 3. "Rebuilt vehicle" means a motor vehicle or mobile home built from salvage or junk, as defined in s. 319.30(1).
- 4. "Assembled from parts" means a motor vehicle or mobile home assembled from parts or combined from parts of motor vehicles or mobile homes, new or used. "Assembled from parts" does not mean a motor vehicle defined as a "rebuilt vehicle" in subparagraph 3., which has been declared a total loss pursuant to s. 319.30.
- 5. "Kit car" means a motor vehicle assembled with a kit supplied by a manufacturer to rebuild a wrecked or outdated motor vehicle with a new body kit.
- 6. "Glider kit" means a vehicle assembled with a kit supplied by a manufacturer to rebuild a wrecked or outdated truck or truck tractor.
- 7. "Replica" means a complete new motor vehicle manufactured to look like an old vehicle.
- 8. "Flood vehicle" means a motor vehicle or mobile home that has been declared to be a total loss pursuant to s. 319.30(3)(a) resulting from damage caused by water.
- 9. "Nonconforming vehicle" means a motor vehicle which has been purchased by a manufacturer pursuant to a settlement, determination, or decision under chapter 681.
- 10. "Settlement" means an agreement entered into between a manufacturer and a consumer that occurs after a dispute is submitted to a program, or an informal dispute settlement procedure established by a manufacturer or is approved for arbitration before the New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board as

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- 11. "Custom vehicle" means a motor vehicle that:
- a. Is 25 years of age or older and of a model year after

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  1165 of age or older and of a model year after 1948; and
  - b. Has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.

The model year and year of manufacture which the body of a custom vehicle resembles is the model year and year of manufacture listed on the certificate of title, regardless of when the vehicle was actually manufactured.

- 12. "Street rod" means a motor vehicle that:
- a. Is a model year of 1948 or older or was manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle of a model year of 1948 or older; and
- b. Has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.

The model year and year of manufacture which the body of a street rod resembles is the model year and year of manufacture listed on the certificate of title, regardless of when the vehicle was actually manufactured.

(2) A No person may not shall knowingly sell, exchange, or transfer a vehicle referred to in subsection (1) without, before prior to consummating the sale, exchange, or transfer, disclosing in writing to the purchaser, customer, or transferee the fact that the vehicle has previously been titled, registered, or used as a taxicab, police vehicle, or short-term-

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lease vehicle, or is a vehicle that is rebuilt or assembled from parts, or is a kit car, glider kit, replica, or flood vehicle, or is a nonconforming vehicle, custom vehicle, or street rod vehicle, as the case may be.

- (3) Any person who, with intent to offer for sale or exchange any vehicle referred to in subsection (1), knowingly or intentionally advertises, publishes, disseminates, circulates, or places before the public in any communications medium, whether directly or indirectly, any offer to sell or exchange the vehicle shall clearly and precisely state in each such offer that the vehicle has previously been titled, registered, or used as a taxicab, police vehicle, or short-term-lease vehicle or that the vehicle or mobile home is a vehicle that is rebuilt or assembled from parts, or is a kit car, glider kit, replica, or flood vehicle, or is a nonconforming vehicle, custom vehicle, or street rod vehicle, as the case may be. Any person who violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (4) If When a certificate of title, including a foreign certificate, is branded to reflect a condition or prior use of the titled vehicle, the brand must be noted on the registration certificate of the vehicle and such brand shall be carried forward on all subsequent certificates of title and registration certificates issued for the life of the vehicle.
- (5) Any person who knowingly sells, exchanges, or offers to sell or exchange a motor vehicle or mobile home contrary to the provisions of this section or any officer, agent, or employee of a person who knowingly authorizes, directs, aids in, or consents to the sale, exchange, or offer to sell or exchange a motor

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vehicle or mobile home contrary to the provisions of this section commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

- (6) Any person who removes a rebuilt decal from a rebuilt vehicle with the intent to conceal the rebuilt status of the vehicle commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (7) This section applies to a mobile home, travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper, or fifth-wheel recreation trailer only when <u>the such</u> mobile home or vehicle is a rebuilt vehicle or is assembled from parts.
- (8) A No person is not shall be liable or accountable in any civil action arising out of a violation of this section if the designation of the previous use or condition of the motor vehicle is not noted on the certificate of title and registration certificate of the vehicle which was received by, or delivered to, such person, unless the such person has actively concealed the prior use or condition of the vehicle from the purchaser.
- (9) Subsections (1), (2), and (3) do not apply to the transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle after the motor vehicle has ceased to be used as a lease vehicle and the ownership has been transferred to an owner for private use or to the transfer of ownership of a nonconforming vehicle with 36,000 or more miles on its odometer, or 34 months whichever is later and the ownership has been transferred to an owner for private use. Such owner, as shown on the title certificate, may request the department to issue a corrected certificate of title that does not contain the statement of the previous use of the vehicle as

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1248 a lease vehicle or condition as a nonconforming vehicle.

1249 Section 26. Section 319.225, Florida Statutes, is amended

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319.225 Transfer and reassignment forms; odometer disclosure statements.—

- (1) Every certificate of title issued by the department must contain the following statement on its reverse side:

  "Federal and state law require the completion of the odometer statement set out below. Failure to complete or providing false information may result in fines, imprisonment, or both."
- (2) Each certificate of title issued by the department must contain on its reverse side a form for transfer of title by the titleholder of record, which form must contain an odometer disclosure statement in the form required by 49 C.F.R. s. 580.5.
- (3) Each certificate of title issued by the department must contain on its reverse side as many forms as space allows for reassignment of title by a licensed dealer as permitted by s. 319.21(3), which form or forms shall contain an odometer disclosure statement in the form required by 49 C.F.R. s. 580.5. When all dealer reassignment forms provided on the back of the title certificate have been filled in, a dealer may reassign the title certificate by using a separate dealer reassignment form issued by the department in compliance with 49 C.F.R. ss. 580.4 and 580.5, which form shall contain an original, two earbon copies one of which shall be submitted directly to the department by the dealer within 5 business days after the transfer and a copy, one of which shall be retained by the dealer in his or her records for 5 years. The provisions of this subsection shall also apply to vehicles not previously titled in

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this state and vehicles whose title certificates do not contain the forms required by this section.

- (4) Upon transfer or reassignment of a certificate of title to a used motor vehicle, the transferor shall complete the odometer disclosure statement provided for by this section and the transferee shall acknowledge the disclosure by signing and printing his or her name in the spaces provided. This subsection does not apply to a vehicle that has a gross vehicle rating of more than 16,000 pounds, a vehicle that is not self-propelled, or a vehicle that is 10 years old or older. A lessor who transfers title to his or her vehicle without obtaining possession of the vehicle shall make odometer disclosure as provided by 49 C.F.R. s. 580.7. Any person who fails to complete or acknowledge a disclosure statement as required by this subsection commits is quilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. The department may not issue a certificate of title unless this subsection has been complied with.
- (5) The same person may not sign a disclosure statement as both the transferor and the transferee in the same transaction except as provided in subsection (6).
- (6) (a) If the certificate of title is physically held by a lienholder, the transferor may give a power of attorney to his or her transferee for the purpose of odometer disclosure. The power of attorney must be on a form issued or authorized by the department, which form must be in compliance with 49 C.F.R. ss. 580.4 and 580.13. The department shall not require the signature of the transferor to be notarized on the form; however, in lieu of notarization, the form shall include an affidavit with the

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following wording: UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE. The transferee shall sign the power of attorney form, print his or her name, and return a copy of the power of attorney form to the transferor. Upon receipt of a title certificate, the transferee shall complete the space for mileage disclosure on the title certificate exactly as the mileage was disclosed by the transferor on the power of attorney form. If the transferee is a licensed motor vehicle dealer who is transferring the vehicle to a retail purchaser, the dealer shall make application on behalf of the retail purchaser as provided in s. 319.23(6) and shall submit the original power of attorney form to the department with the application for title and the transferor's title certificate; otherwise, a dealer may reassign the title certificate by using the dealer reassignment form in the manner prescribed in subsection (3), and, at the time of physical transfer of the vehicle, the original power of attorney shall be delivered to the person designated as the transferee of the dealer on the dealer reassignment form. A copy of the executed power of attorney shall be submitted to the department with a copy of the executed dealer reassignment form within 5 business days after the certificate of title and dealer reassignment form are delivered by the dealer to its transferee.

(b) If the certificate of title is lost or otherwise unavailable, the transferor may give a power of attorney to his or her transferee for the purpose of odometer disclosure. The power of attorney must be on a form issued or authorized by the department, which form must be in compliance with 49 C.F.R. ss. 580.4 and 580.13. The department shall not require the signature

1335 of the transferor to be notarized on the form; however, in lieu 1336 of notarization, the form shall include an affidavit with the 1337 following wording: UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I 1338 HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT 1339 ARE TRUE. The transferee shall sign the power of attorney form, 1340 print his or her name, and return a copy of the power of 1341 attorney form to the transferor. Upon receipt of the title 1342 certificate or a duplicate title certificate, the transferee shall complete the space for mileage disclosure on the title 1343 1344 certificate exactly as the mileage was disclosed by the 1345 transferor on the power of attorney form. If the transferee is a 1346 licensed motor vehicle dealer who is transferring the vehicle to 1347 a retail purchaser, the dealer shall make application on behalf 1348 of the retail purchaser as provided in s. 319.23(6) and shall 1349 submit the original power of attorney form to the department 1350 with the application for title and the transferor's title 1351 certificate or duplicate title certificate; otherwise, a dealer 1352 may reassign the title certificate by using the dealer 1353 reassignment form in the manner prescribed in subsection (3), 1354 and, at the time of physical transfer of the vehicle, the 1355 original power of attorney shall be delivered to the person 1356 designated as the transferee of the dealer on the dealer 1357 reassignment form. If the dealer sells the vehicle to an out-of-1358 state resident or an out-of-state dealer and the power of 1359 attorney form is applicable to the transaction, the dealer must 1360 photocopy the completed original of the form and mail it 1361 directly to the department within 5 business days after the certificate of title and dealer reassignment form are delivered 1362 by the dealer to the purchaser. A copy of the executed power of 1363

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attorney shall be submitted to the department with a copy of the executed dealer reassignment form within 5 business days after the duplicate certificate of title and dealer reassignment form are delivered by the dealer to its transferee.

- (c) If the mechanics of the transfer of title to a motor vehicle in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) are determined to be incompatible with and unlawful under the provisions of 49 C.F.R. part 580, the transfer of title to a motor vehicle by operation of this subsection can be effected in any manner not inconsistent with 49 C.F.R. part 580 and Florida law; provided, any power of attorney form issued or authorized by the department under this subsection shall contain an original, two carbon copies, one of which shall be submitted directly to the department by the dealer within 5 business days of use by the dealer to effect transfer of a title certificate as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) and a copy, one of which shall be retained by the dealer in its records for 5 years.
- (d) Any person who fails to complete the information required by this subsection or to file with the department the forms required by this subsection commits is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. The department shall not issue a certificate of title unless this subsection has been complied with.
- (7) Subject to approval by the National Highway Traffic
  Safety Administration or any other applicable authority, if a
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  maintain the title electronically, the transferor and transferee

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shall complete a secure reassignment document that discloses the odometer reading and is signed by both the transferor and transferee at the tax collector's office or license plate agency. A dealer acquiring a motor vehicle that has an electronic title shall use a secure reassignment document signed by the person from whom the dealer acquired the motor vehicle. Upon transferring the motor vehicle to a purchaser, a separate reassignment document shall be executed.

(8)(7) Each certificate of title issued by the department must contain on its reverse side a minimum of three four spaces for notation of the name and license number of any auction through which the vehicle is sold and the date the vehicle was auctioned. Each separate dealer reassignment form issued by the department must also have the space referred to in this section. When a transfer of title is made at a motor vehicle auction, the reassignment must note the name and address of the auction, but the auction shall not thereby be deemed to be the owner, seller, transferor, or assignor of title. A motor vehicle auction is required to execute a dealer reassignment only when it is the owner of a vehicle being sold.

(9) (8) Upon transfer or reassignment of a used motor vehicle through the services of an auction, the auction shall complete the information in the space provided for by subsection (8) (7). Any person who fails to complete the information as required by this subsection commits is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. The department shall not issue a certificate of title unless this subsection has been complied with.

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Section 27. Subsection (6) of section 319.23, Florida Statutes, is amended, present subsections (7), (8), (9), (10), and (11) of that section are renumbered as subsections (8), (9), (10), (11), and (12), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:

319.23 Application for, and issuance of, certificate of title.—  $\,$ 

(6)(a) In the case of the sale of a motor vehicle or mobile home by a licensed dealer to a general purchaser, the certificate of title must be obtained in the name of the purchaser by the dealer upon application signed by the purchaser, and in each other case such certificate must be obtained by the purchaser. In each case of transfer of a motor vehicle or mobile home, the application for a certificate of title, a corrected certificate, or an assignment or reassignment must be filed within 30 days after the delivery of the motor vehicle or from consummation of the sale of a mobile home to the purchaser. An applicant must pay a fee of \$20, in addition to all other fees and penalties required by law, for failing to file such application within the specified time. In the case of the sale of a motor vehicle by a licensed motor vehicle dealer to a general purchaser who resides in another state or country, the dealer is not required to apply for a certificate of title for the motor vehicle; however, the dealer must transfer ownership and reassign the certificate of title or manufacturer's certificate of origin to the purchaser, and the purchaser must sign an affidavit, as approved by the department, that the purchaser will title and register the motor vehicle in

another state or country.

- (b) If a licensed dealer acquires a motor vehicle or mobile home as a trade-in, the dealer must file with the department, within 30 days, a notice of sale signed by the seller. The department shall update its database for that title record to indicate "sold." A licensed dealer need not apply for a certificate of title for any motor vehicle or mobile home in stock acquired for stock purposes except as provided in s. 319.225.
- (7) If an applicant for a certificate of title is unable to provide the department with a certificate of title that assigns the prior owner's interest in the motor vehicle, the department may accept a bond in the form prescribed by the department, along with an affidavit in a form prescribed by the department, which includes verification of the vehicle identification number and an application for title.
  - (a) The bond must be:
  - 1. In a form prescribed by the department;
  - 2. Executed by the applicant;
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  - 4. In an amount equal to two times the value of the vehicle as determined by the department; and
  - 5. Conditioned to indemnify all prior owners and lienholders and all subsequent purchasers of the vehicle or persons who acquire a security interest in the vehicle, and their successors in interest, against any expense, loss, or damage, including reasonable attorney's fees, occurring because of the issuance of the certificate of title for the vehicle or

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for a defect in or undisclosed security interest on the right, title, or interest of the applicant to the vehicle.

- (b) An interested person has a right to recover on the bond for a breach of the bond's condition. The aggregate liability of the surety to all persons may not exceed the amount of the bond.
- (c) A bond under this subsection expires on the third anniversary of the date the bond became effective.
  - (d) The affidavit must:
  - 1. Be in a form prescribed by the department;
- 2. Include the facts and circumstances through which the applicant acquired ownership and possession of the motor vehicle;
- 3. Disclose that no security interests, liens, or encumbrances against the motor vehicle are known to the applicant against the motor vehicle; and
- 4. State that the applicant has the right to have a certificate of title issued.

Section 28. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 319.28, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

319.28 Transfer of ownership by operation of law.-

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(b) In case of repossession of a motor vehicle or mobile home pursuant to the terms of a security agreement or similar instrument, an affidavit by the party to whom possession has passed stating that the vehicle or mobile home was repossessed upon default in the terms of the security agreement or other instrument shall be considered satisfactory proof of ownership and right of possession. At least 5 days prior to selling the

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repossessed vehicle, any subsequent lienholder named in the last issued certificate of title shall be sent notice of the repossession by certified mail, on a form prescribed by the department. If such notice is given and no written protest to the department is presented by a subsequent lienholder within 15 days from the date on which the notice was mailed, the certificate of title or the certificate of repossession shall be issued showing no liens. If the former owner or any subsequent lienholder files a written protest under oath within such 15-day period, the department shall not issue the certificate of title or certificate of repossession for 10 days thereafter. If within the 10-day period no injunction or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction has been served on the department commanding it not to deliver the certificate of title or certificate of repossession, the department shall deliver the certificate of title or repossession to the applicant or as may otherwise be directed in the application showing no other liens than those shown in the application. Any lienholder who has repossessed a vehicle in this state in compliance with the provisions of this section must apply to a tax collector's office in this state or to the department for a certificate of repossession or to the department for a certificate of title pursuant to s. 319.323. Proof of the required notice to subsequent lienholders shall be submitted together with regular title fees. A lienholder to whom a certificate of repossession has been issued may assign the certificate of title to the subsequent owner. Any person who violates found guilty of violating any requirements of this paragraph commits shall be quilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided

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(3) A dealer of farm or industrial equipment, as those terms are used in s. 493.6101(22), conducting a repossession of such equipment is not subject to licensure as a recovery agent or recovery agency if such dealer is regularly engaged in the sale of such equipment for a particular manufacturer and the lender is affiliated with that manufacturer.

Section 29. Section 319.323, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

319.323 Expedited service; applications; fees.—The department shall establish a separate title office which may be used by private citizens and licensed motor vehicle dealers to receive expedited service on title transfers, title issuances, duplicate titles, and recordation of liens, and certificates of repossession. A fee of \$10 shall be charged for this service, which fee is in addition to the fees imposed by s. 319.32. The fee, after deducting the amount referenced by s. 319.324 and \$3.50 to be retained by the processing agency, shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. Application for expedited service may be made by mail or in person. The department shall issue each title applied for under this section within 5 working days after receipt of the application except for an application for a duplicate title certificate covered by s. 319.23(4), in which case the title must be issued within 5 working days after compliance with the department's verification requirements.

Section 30. Section 319.40, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

319.40 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.

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- $\underline{\ \ }$  (1) The department  $\underline{\ \ }$  is authorized to accept any application provided for under this chapter by electronic or telephonic means.
- (2) The department may issue an electronic certificate of title in lieu of printing a paper title.
- (3) The department may collect and use electronic mail addresses as a notification method in lieu of the United States

  Postal Service, except for any notice regarding the potential forfeiture or foreclosure of an interest in property.

Section 31. Subsections (1), (23), (25), and (26) of section 320.01, Florida Statutes, are amended, present subsections (24) through (45) of that section are renumbered as subsections (23) through (44), respectively, and a new subsection (45) is added to that section, to read:

320.01 Definitions, general.—As used in the Florida Statutes, except as otherwise provided, the term:

- (1) "Motor vehicle" means:
- (a) An automobile, motorcycle, truck, trailer, semitrailer, truck tractor and semitrailer combination, or any other vehicle operated on the roads of this state, used to transport persons or property, and propelled by power other than muscular power, but the term does not include traction engines, road rollers, special mobile equipment as defined in chapter 316, such vehicles as run only upon a track, bicycles, swamp buggies, or mopeds.
- (b) A recreational vehicle-type unit primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use, which either has its own motive power or is mounted on or drawn by another vehicle. Recreational vehicle-type units, when

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traveling on the public roadways of this state, must comply with the length and width provisions of s. 316.515, as that section may hereafter be amended. As defined below, the basic entities are:

- 1. The "travel trailer," which is a vehicular portable unit, mounted on wheels, of such a size or weight as not to require special highway movement permits when drawn by a motorized vehicle. It is primarily designed and constructed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use. It has a body width of no more than 8 1/2 feet and an overall body length of no more than 40 feet when factory-equipped for the road.
- 2. The "camping trailer," which is a vehicular portable unit mounted on wheels and constructed with collapsible partial sidewalls which fold for towing by another vehicle and unfold at the campsite to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use.
- 3. The "truck camper," which is a truck equipped with a portable unit designed to be loaded onto, or affixed to, the bed or chassis of the truck and constructed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use.
- 4. The "motor home," which is a vehicular unit which does not exceed the length, height, and width limitations provided in s. 316.515, is a self-propelled motor vehicle, and is primarily designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use.
- 5. The "private motor coach," which is a vehicular unit which does not exceed the length, width, and height limitations provided in s. 316.515(9), is built on a self-propelled bus type

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chassis having no fewer than three load-bearing axles, and is primarily designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use.

- 6. The "van conversion," which is a vehicular unit which does not exceed the length and width limitations provided in s. 316.515, is built on a self-propelled motor vehicle chassis, and is designed for recreation, camping, and travel use.
- 7. The "park trailer," which is a transportable unit which has a body width not exceeding 14 feet and which is built on a single chassis and is designed to provide seasonal or temporary living quarters when connected to utilities necessary for operation of installed fixtures and appliances. The total area of the unit in a setup mode, when measured from the exterior surface of the exterior stud walls at the level of maximum dimensions, not including any bay window, does not exceed 400 square feet when constructed to ANSI A-119.5 standards, and 500 square feet when constructed to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Standards. The length of a park trailer means the distance from the exterior of the front of the body (nearest to the drawbar and coupling mechanism) to the exterior of the rear of the body (at the opposite end of the body), including any protrusions.
- 8. The "fifth-wheel trailer," which is a vehicular unit mounted on wheels, designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use, of such size or weight as not to require a special highway movement permit, of gross trailer area not to exceed 400 square feet in the setup mode, and designed to be towed by a motorized vehicle that contains a towing mechanism that is mounted above or forward of the tow

vehicle's rear axle.

- (23) "Apportioned motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle which is required to be registered, or with respect to which an election has been made to register it, under the International Registration Plan.
- (24) (25) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle, except recreational vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pickup and delivery vehicles, buses used in transportation of chartered parties, and government-owned vehicles, which is used or intended for use in two or more member jurisdictions that allocate or proportionally register vehicles and which is used for the transportation of persons for hire or is designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property and:
- (a) Is a power unit having a gross vehicle weight in excess of  $26,000 \frac{26,001}{100}$  pounds;
- (b) Is a power unit having three or more axles, regardless of weight; or
- (c) Is used in combination, when the weight of such combination exceeds  $26,000 \frac{26,001}{2600}$  pounds gross vehicle weight.

Vehicles, or combinations thereof, having a gross vehicle weight of  $\underline{26,000}$   $\underline{26,001}$  pounds or less and two-axle vehicles may be proportionally registered.

(25) (26) "Commercial motor vehicle" means any vehicle that which is not owned or operated by a governmental entity, that which uses special fuel or motor fuel on the public highways, and that which has a gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more, or has three or more axles regardless of weight, or is

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used in combination when the weight of such combination exceeds  $\underline{26,000}$   $\underline{26,001}$  pounds gross vehicle weight. A vehicle that occasionally transports personal property to and from a closed-course motorsport facility, as defined in s. 549.09(1) (a), is not a commercial motor vehicle if the use is not for profit and corporate sponsorship is not involved. As used in this subsection, the term "corporate sponsorship" means a payment, donation, gratuity, in-kind service, or other benefit provided to or derived by a person in relation to the underlying activity, other than the display of product or corporate names, logos, or other graphic information on the property being transported.

designed to travel over swampy terrain, which may utilize large tires or tracks operated from an elevated platform, and may be used on varied terrain. A swamp buggy does not include any vehicle defined in chapter 261 or otherwise defined or classified in this chapter. A swamp buggy may not be operated upon the public roads, streets, or highways of this state, except to the extent specifically authorized by a state or federal agency to be used exclusively upon lands, managed, owned, or leased by that agency.

Section 32. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 320.02, Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraphs (0), (p), (q), (r), and (s) are added to subsection (15) of that section, and subsection (18) is added to that section, to read:

320.02 Registration required; application for registration; forms.—

(2) (a) The application for registration shall include the

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street address of the owner's permanent residence or the address of his or her permanent place of business and shall be accompanied by personal or business identification information which may include, but need not be limited to, a driver's license number, Florida identification card number, or federal employer identification number. If the owner does not have a permanent residence or permanent place of business or if the owner's permanent residence or permanent place of business cannot be identified by a street address, the application shall include:

- 1. If the vehicle is registered to a business, the name and street address of the permanent residence of an owner of the business, an officer of the corporation, or an employee who is in a supervisory position.
- 2. If the vehicle is registered to an individual, the name and street address of the permanent residence of a close relative or friend who is a resident of this state.

If the vehicle is registered to an active-duty military member who is a Florida resident, the member is exempt from the requirement of a Florida residential address.

- (b) The department shall prescribe a form upon which motor vehicle owners may record odometer readings when registering their motor vehicles.
- (4) The owner of any motor vehicle registered in the state shall notify the department in writing of any change of address within 20 days of such change. The notification shall include the registration license plate number, the vehicle identification number (VIN) or title certificate number, year of

who possesses a Florida driver's license or identification card and changes residence or mailing address must obtain a replacement as provided for in s. 322.19(2) before changing the address on the motor vehicle record.

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- (o) The application form for motor vehicle registration and renewal registration must include language permitting the voluntary contribution of \$1 to End Hunger in Florida. The proceeds shall be distributed monthly by the department to the Florida Association of Food Banks, Inc., a corporation not for profit under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The funds shall be used by the organization for the purpose of ending hunger in Florida.
- (p) The application form for motor vehicle registration and renewal registration must include language permitting a voluntary contribution of \$1 for Autism Services and Supports.

  The proceeds shall be transferred by the department each month to the Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., Autism Services Fund.
- (q) Notwithstanding s. 26 of chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida, the application form for motor vehicle registration and renewal registration must include a provision permitting a voluntary contribution of \$1 or more per applicant, to be distributed to the Auto Club South Traffic Safety Foundation, a nonprofit organization. Funds received by the foundation shall be used to improve traffic safety culture in communities through effective outreach, education, and activities that will save lives, reduce injuries, and prevent crashes. The foundation must

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- (r) The application form for motor vehicle registration and renewal registration must include language permitting a voluntary contribution of \$1 for Support Our Troops. The proceeds shall be transferred by the department each month to Support Our Troops, Inc.
- (s) The application form for motor vehicle registration and renewal registration must include language permitting a voluntary contribution of \$1 to Take Stock In Children. The proceeds shall be transferred by the department each month to Take Stock In Children, Inc.

For the purpose of applying the service charge provided in s. 215.20, contributions received under this subsection are not income of a revenue nature.

(18) All electronic registration records shall be retained by the department for at least 10 years.

Section 33. Subsection (9) is added to section 320.023, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.023 Requests to establish voluntary checkoff on motor vehicle registration application.—

(9) The department may annually retain from the first proceeds derived from the voluntary contributions collected an amount sufficient to defray for each voluntary contribution the pro rata share of the department's costs directly related to the voluntary contributions program. Such costs include renewal notices, postage, distribution costs, direct costs to the department, and costs associated with reviewing each organization's compliance with the audit and attestation

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requirements of this section. The revenues retained by the department may not be less than 0.005 percent and may not exceed 0.015 percent. The balance of the proceeds from the voluntary contributions collected shall be distributed as provided by law.

Section 34. Subsections (7), (8), and 10 of section 320.03, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors; International Registration Plan.—

- (7) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall register apportionable apportioned motor vehicles under the provisions of the International Registration Plan. The department may adopt rules to implement and enforce the provisions of the plan.
- (8) If the applicant's name appears on the list referred to in s. 316.1001(4), s. 316.1967(6), or s. 713.78(13), a license plate or revalidation sticker may not be issued until that person's name no longer appears on the list or until the person presents a receipt from the governmental entity or the clerk of court that provided the data showing that the fines outstanding have been paid. This subsection does not apply to the owner of a leased vehicle if the vehicle is registered in the name of the lessee of the vehicle. The tax collector and the clerk of the court are each entitled to receive monthly, as costs for implementing and administering this subsection, 10 percent of the civil penalties and fines recovered from such persons. As used in this subsection, the term "civil penalties and fines" does not include a wrecker operator's lien as described in s. 713.78(13). If the tax collector has private tag agents, such tag agents are entitled to receive a pro rata share of the

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amount paid to the tax collector, based upon the percentage of license plates and revalidation stickers issued by the tag agent compared to the total issued within the county. The authority of any private agent to issue license plates shall be revoked, after notice and a hearing as provided in chapter 120, if he or she issues any license plate or revalidation sticker contrary to the provisions of this subsection. This section applies only to the annual renewal in the owner's birth month of a motor vehicle registration and does not apply to the transfer of a registration of a motor vehicle sold by a motor vehicle dealer licensed under this chapter, except for the transfer of registrations which is inclusive of the annual renewals. This section does not affect the issuance of the title to a motor vehicle, notwithstanding s. 319.23(8) (b) 319.23(7) (b).

(10) Jurisdiction over the electronic filing system for use by authorized electronic filing system agents to electronically title or register motor vehicles, vessels, mobile homes, or off-highway vehicles; issue or transfer registration license plates or decals; electronically transfer fees due for the title and registration process; and perform inquiries for title, registration, and lienholder verification and certification of service providers is expressly preempted to the state, and the department shall have regulatory authority over the system. The electronic filing system shall be available for use statewide and applied uniformly throughout the state. An entity that, in the normal course of its business, sells products that must be titled or registered, provides title and registration services on behalf of its consumers and meets all established requirements may be an authorized electronic filing system agent

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and shall not be precluded from participating in the electronic filing system in any county. Upon request from a qualified entity, the tax collector shall appoint the entity as an authorized electronic filing system agent for that county, regardless of the county in which the entity is physically located. An entity may be an authorized electronic filing system agent in more than one county at any given time. Upon appointment as an authorized electronic filing system agent by a tax collector in a county other than the county where the agent is physically located and absent an interlocal agreement between tax collectors, any statutory service fees shall be divided equally between the tax collector that appointed the agent and the tax collector in the county where the agent is physically located. The department shall adopt rules in accordance with chapter 120 to replace the December 10, 2009, program standards and to administer the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to, establishing participation requirements, certification of service providers, electronic filing system requirements, and enforcement authority for noncompliance. The December 10, 2009, program standards, excluding any standards which conflict with this subsection, shall remain in effect until the rules are adopted. An authorized electronic filing agent may charge a fee to the customer for use of the electronic filing system. Section 35. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) and subsection (5) of section 320.05, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 320.05 Records of the department; inspection procedure;

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- (b) Fees therefor shall be charged and collected as follows:
- 1. For providing lists of motor vehicle or vessel records for the entire state, or any part or parts thereof, divided according to counties, a sum computed at a rate of not less than 1 cent nor more than 5 cents per item.
- 2. For providing noncertified photographic copies of motor vehicle or vessel documents, \$1 per page.
- 3. For providing noncertified photographic copies of micrographic records, \$1 per page.
- 4. For providing certified copies of motor vehicle or vessel records, \$3 per record.
- 5. For providing noncertified computer-generated printouts of motor vehicle or vessel records, 50 cents per record.
- 6. For providing certified computer-generated printouts of motor vehicle or vessel records, \$3 per record.
- 7. For providing electronic access to motor vehicle, vessel, and mobile home registration data requested by tag, vehicle identification number, title number, or decal number, 50 cents per item.
- 8. For providing electronic access to driver's license status report by name, sex, and date of birth or by driver license number, 50 cents per item.
- 9. For providing lists of licensed mobile home dealers and manufacturers and recreational vehicle dealers and manufacturers, \$15 per list.
- 10. For providing lists of licensed motor vehicle dealers, \$25 per list.
  - 11. For each copy of a videotape record, \$15 per tape.

12. For each copy of the Division of Motor Vehicles
Procedures Manual, \$25.

(5) The creation and maintenance of records by the <u>Division</u> of <u>Motorist Services within the</u> department and the <u>Division of Motor Vehicles</u> pursuant to this chapter shall not be regarded as law enforcement functions of agency recordkeeping.

Section 36. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of section 320.06, Florida Statutes, and subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and validation stickers generally.—

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- (d) The department may conduct a pilot program to evaluate designs, concepts, and technologies for alternative license plate technologies. The pilot program shall investigate the feasibility and use of alternative license plate technologies and shall be limited to license plates that are used on government-owned motor vehicles, as defined in s. 320.0655.

  Government license plates in the pilot program are exempt from current license plate requirements in s. 320.06(3)(a).
- (5) All license plates issued pursuant to this chapter are the property of the State of Florida.

Section 37. Section 320.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.061 Unlawful to alter motor vehicle registration certificates, temporary license plates, license plates, mobile home stickers, or validation stickers or to obscure license plates; penalty.—No person shall alter the original appearance of any registration license plate, temporary license plate,

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mobile home sticker, validation sticker, or vehicle registration certificate issued for and assigned to any motor vehicle or mobile home, whether by mutilation, alteration, defacement, or change of color or in any other manner. No person shall apply or attach any substance, reflective matter, illuminated device, spray, coating, covering, or other material onto or around any license plate that interferes with the legibility, angular visibility, or detectability of any feature or detail on the license plate or interferes with the ability to record any feature or detail on the license plate. Any person who violates this section commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in chapter 318.

Section 38. Subsection (1) of section 320.071, Florida

320.071 Advance registration renewal; procedures.-

- (1) (a) The owner of any motor vehicle or mobile home currently registered in this state may file an application for renewal of registration with the department, or its authorized agent in the county wherein the owner resides, any time during the 3 months preceding the date of expiration of the registration period. The registration period may not exceed 27 months.
- (b) The owner of any apportionable apportioned motor vehicle currently registered in this state under the provisions of the International Registration Plan may file an application for renewal of registration with the department any time during the 3 months preceding the date of expiration of the registration period.

Section 39. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 320.0715,

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Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

320.0715 International Registration Plan; motor carrier services; permits; retention of records.—

- (1) All <u>apportionable</u> <del>commercial motor</del> vehicles domiciled in this state <del>and engaged in interstate commerce</del> shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of the International Registration Plan <del>and shall display apportioned license plates</del>.
- (3) (a) If the department is unable to immediately issue the apportioned license plate to an applicant currently registered in this state under the International Registration Plan or to a vehicle currently titled in this state, the department or its designated agent is authorized to issue a 60-day temporary operational permit. The department or agent of the department shall charge a \$3 fee and the service charge authorized by s. 320.04 for each temporary operational permit it issues.
- (b) The department shall in no event issue a temporary operational permit for any <u>apportionable</u> <del>commercial motor</del> vehicle to any applicant until the applicant has shown that:
- 1. All sales or use taxes due on the registration of the vehicle are paid; and
- 2. Insurance requirements have been met in accordance with ss. 320.02(5) and 627.7415.
- (c) Issuance of a temporary operational permit provides commercial motor vehicle registration privileges in each International Registration Plan member jurisdiction designated on said permit and therefore requires payment of all applicable registration fees and taxes due for that period of registration.
  - (d) Application for permanent registration must be made to

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the department within 10 days <u>following</u> from issuance of a temporary operational permit. Failure to file an application within this 10-day period may result in cancellation of the temporary operational permit.

Section 40. Paragraph (d) of subsection (5) of section 320.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

- (5) SEMITRAILERS, FEES ACCORDING TO GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT; SCHOOL BUSES; SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES.—
- (d) A wrecker, as defined in s.  $320.01\frac{(40)}{,}$ , which is used to tow a vessel as defined in s. 327.02(39), a disabled, abandoned, stolen-recovered, or impounded motor vehicle as defined in s.  $320.01\frac{(38)}{,}$  or a replacement motor vehicle as defined in s.  $320.01\frac{(39)}{,}$ : \$41 flat, of which \$11 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

Section 41. Section 320.08051, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

320.08051 Specialty license plates.—

- (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, any application for a specialty license plate shall be deemed approved if the application has:
- (a) Been determined by the Auditor General to be an exception to the specialty license plate moratorium established

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- (b) Complied with all requirements under s. 320.08053; and
- (c) Been considered affirmatively by a legislative committee and at least one chamber of the Legislature prior to December 31, 2010.
- (2) Once approved, the organization must submit to the department the proposed art design for the specialty license plate, in a medium prescribed by the department, together with a planned distribution of proceeds, as soon as practicable, but no later than September 1, 2011.
- (3) The department shall begin production of any specialty license plate deemed approved under this section within 1 year after July 1, 2011.
- (4) The license plate annual use fee is \$25, which shall be distributed to the organization sponsoring the application for the specialty license plate. The sponsoring organization may not use more than 10 percent of the proceeds for marketing and administration.
- (5) All other requirements pertaining to specialty license plates contained in ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058 apply to the specialty license plates approved pursuant to this section.

Section 42. Paragraph (b) of subsection (48) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 320.08058 Specialty license plates.-
- (48) LIVE THE DREAM LICENSE PLATES.-
- (b) The proceeds of the annual use fee shall be distributed to the <u>Florida</u> Dream Foundation, Inc. The <u>Florida</u> Dream Foundation, Inc., shall retain the first \$60,000 in proceeds from the annual use fees as reimbursement for administrative

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costs, startup costs, and costs incurred in the approval process. Thereafter, up to 25 percent shall be used for continuing promotion and marketing of the license plate and concept. The remaining funds shall be used in the following manner:

- 1. Twenty-five percent shall be distributed equally among the sickle cell organizations that are Florida members of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., for programs that provide research, care, and treatment for sickle cell disease.
- 2. Twenty-five percent shall be distributed to the Florida chapter of the March of Dimes for programs and services that improve the health of babies through the prevention of birth defects and infant mortality.
- 3. Ten percent shall be distributed to the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions to decrease racial disparity in infant mortality and to increase healthy birth outcomes. Funding will be used by local Healthy Start Coalitions to provide services and increase screening rates for high-risk pregnant women, children under 4 years of age, and women of childbearing age.
- 4. Ten percent shall be distributed to the Community Partnership for Homeless, Inc., for programs that provide relief from poverty, hunger, and homelessness.
- 5. Five percent of the proceeds shall be used by the foundation for administrative costs directly associated with operations as they relate to the management and distribution of the proceeds.
  - Section 43. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section

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320.08068, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.08068 Motorcycle specialty license plates.-

- (4) A license plate annual use fee of \$20 shall be collected for each motorcycle specialty license plate. Annual use fees shall be distributed to The Able Trust as custodial agent. The Able Trust may retain a maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the license plate for administrative costs. The Able Trust shall distribute the remaining funds as follows:
- (e) Twenty percent to the Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living to be used to leverage additional funding and new sources of revenue for the centers for independent living in this state.

Section 44. Subsection (1) of section 320.0847, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.0847 Mini truck and low-speed vehicle license plates.-

(1) The department shall issue a license plate to the owner or lessee of any vehicle registered as a low-speed vehicle as defined in s.  $320.01\frac{(42)}{(45)}$  or a mini truck as defined in s.  $320.01\frac{(45)}{(45)}$  upon payment of the appropriate license taxes and fees prescribed in s. 320.08.

Section 45. Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section 320.0848, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

320.0848 Persons who have disabilities; issuance of disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for certain providers of transportation services to persons who have disabilities.—

(1) (a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or its authorized agents shall, upon application and receipt of

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the fee, issue a disabled parking permit for a period of up to 4 years, which period ends on the applicant's birthday, to any person who has long-term mobility impairment, or a temporary disabled parking permit not to exceed 6 months to any person who has a temporary mobility impairment. No person will be required to pay a fee for a parking permit for disabled persons more than once in a 12-month period from the date of the prior fee payment.

- (b)1. The person must be currently certified as being legally blind or as having any of the following disabilities that render him or her unable to walk 200 feet without stopping to rest:
- a. Inability to walk without the use of or assistance from a brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, or other assistive device, or without the assistance of another person. If the assistive device significantly restores the person's ability to walk to the extent that the person can walk without severe limitation, the person is not eligible for the exemption parking permit.
  - b. The need to permanently use a wheelchair.
- c. Restriction by lung disease to the extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for 1 second, when measured by spirometry, is less than 1 liter, or the person's arterial oxygen is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at rest.
  - d. Use of portable oxygen.
- e. Restriction by cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American

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- f. Severe limitation in the person's ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition.
- 2. The certification of disability which is required under subparagraph 1. must be provided by a physician licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 460, by a podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461, by an optometrist licensed under chapter 463, by an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 464 under the protocol of a licensed physician as stated in this subparagraph, by a physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, or by a similarly licensed physician from another state if the application is accompanied by documentation of the physician's licensure in the other state and a form signed by the out-of-state physician verifying his or her knowledge of this state's eligibility guidelines.
- (c) The certificate of disability must include, but need not be limited to:
- 1. The disability of the applicant; the certifying practitioner's name and address; the practitioner's certification number; the eligibility criteria for the permit; the penalty for falsification by either the certifying practitioner or the applicant; the duration of the condition that entitles the person to the permit; and justification for the additional placard pursuant to subsection (2).
- 2. The statement, in bold letters: "A disabled parking permit may be issued only for a medical necessity that severely affects mobility."
  - 3. The signatures of:

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- a. The applicant's physician or other certifying practitioner.
  - b. The applicant or the applicant's parent or guardian.
  - c. The employee of the department's authorized agent which employee is processing the application.
  - (d) Beginning October 1, 2011 April 1, 1999, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall renew the disabled parking permit of any person certified as permanently disabled on the application if the person applies for renewal in person and provides a current certificate of disability pursuant to this subsection.
- (e) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall, in consultation with the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, adopt rules, in accordance with chapter 120, for the issuance of a disabled parking permit to any organization that can adequately demonstrate a bona fide need for such a permit because the organization provides regular transportation services to persons who have disabilities and are certified as provided in this subsection.
- (2) DISABLED PARKING PERMIT; PERSONS WITH LONG-TERM MOBILITY PROBLEMS.—
- (a) The disabled parking permit is a placard that can be placed in a motor vehicle so as to be visible from the front and rear of the vehicle. Each side of the placard must have the international symbol of accessibility in a contrasting color in the center so as to be visible. One side of the placard must display the applicant's driver's license number or state identification card number along with a warning that the applicant must have such identification at all times while using

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the parking permit. In those cases where the severity of the disability prevents a disabled person from physically visiting or being transported to a driver license or tax collector office to obtain a driver's license or identification card, a certifying physician may sign the exemption section of the department's parking permit application to exempt the disabled person from being issued a driver's license or identification card for the number to be displayed on the parking permit. A validation sticker must also be issued with each disabled parking permit, showing the month and year of expiration on each side of the placard. Validation stickers must be of the size specified by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and must be affixed to the disabled parking permits. The disabled parking permits must use the same colors as license plate validations.

- (b) License plates issued under ss. 320.084, 320.0842, 320.0843, and 320.0845 are valid for the same parking privileges and other privileges provided under ss. 316.1955, 316.1964, and 526.141(5)(a).
- (c) The department shall not issue an additional disabled parking permit unless the applicant states that he or she is a frequent traveler or a quadriplegic. The department may not issue to any one eligible applicant more than two disabled parking permits except to an organization in accordance with paragraph (1)(e). Subsections (1), (5), (6), and (7) apply to this subsection.
- (d) If an applicant who is a disabled veteran, is a resident of this state, has been honorably discharged, and either has been determined by the Department of Defense or the

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United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a service-connected disability rating for compensation of 50 percent or greater or has been determined to have a service-connected disability rating of 50 percent or greater and is in receipt of both disability retirement pay from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, he or she must still provide a signed physician's statement of qualification for the disabled parking permits.

- (e) To obtain a replacement for a disabled parking permit that has been lost or stolen, a person must appear in person, submit an application on a form prescribed by the department, and must pay a replacement fee in the amount of \$1.00, to be retained by the issuing agency. If the person submits with the application a police report documenting that the permit was stolen, there is no replacement fee.
- (f) A person who qualifies for a disabled parking permit under this section may be issued an international wheelchair user symbol license plate under s. 320.0843 in lieu of the disabled parking permit; or, if the person qualifies for a "DV" license plate under s. 320.084, such a license plate may be issued to him or her in lieu of a disabled parking permit.
- (4) From the proceeds of the temporary disabled parking permit fees:
- (a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must receive \$3.50 for each temporary permit, to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and used for implementing the real-time disabled parking permit database and for administering the disabled parking permit program.
  - (b) The tax collector, for processing, must receive \$2.50

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for each temporary permit.

- (c) The remainder must be distributed monthly as follows:
- Rehabilitation, known as "The Able Trust," Florida Governor's Alliance for the Employment of Disabled Citizens for the purpose of improving employment and training opportunities for persons who have disabilities, with special emphasis on removing transportation barriers, \$4. These fees must be directly deposited into the Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation as established in s. 413.615 Transportation

  Disadvantaged Trust Fund for transfer to the Florida Governor's Alliance for Employment of Disabled Citizens.
- 2. To the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund to be used for funding matching grants to counties for the purpose of improving transportation of persons who have disabilities, \$5.
- Section 46. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of section 320.275, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
  - 320.275 Automobile Dealers Industry Advisory Board.-
  - (2) MEMBERSHIP, TERMS, MEETINGS.-
- (a) The board shall be composed of 12 members. The executive director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall appoint the members from names submitted by the entities for the designated categories the member will represent. The executive director shall appoint one representative of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, who must represent the Division of Motor Vehicles; two representatives of the independent motor vehicle industry as recommended by the Florida Independent Automobile Dealers Association; two representatives of the franchise motor vehicle

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industry as recommended by the Florida Automobile Dealers
Association; one representative of the auction motor vehicle
industry who is from an auction chain and is recommended by a
group affiliated with the National Auto Auction Association; one
representative of the auction motor vehicle industry who is from
an independent auction and is recommended by a group affiliated
with the National Auto Auction Association; one representative
from the Department of Revenue; a Florida tax collector
representative recommended by the Florida Tax Collectors
Association; one representative from the Better Business Bureau;
one representative from the Department of Agriculture and
Consumer Services, who must represent the Division of Consumer
Services; and one representative of the insurance industry who
writes motor vehicle dealer surety bonds.

- (b) 1. The executive director shall appoint the following initial members to 1-year terms: one representative from the motor vehicle auction industry who represents an auction chain, one representative from the independent motor vehicle industry, one representative from the franchise motor vehicle industry, one representative from the Department of Revenue, one Florida tax collector, and one representative from the Better Business Bureau.
- 2. The executive director shall appoint the following initial members to 2-year terms: one representative from the motor vehicle auction industry who represents an independent auction, one representative from the independent motor vehicle industry, one representative from the franchise motor vehicle industry, one representative from the Division of Consumer Services, one representative from the insurance industry, and

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one representative from the  $\underline{\text{department}}$   $\underline{\text{Division of Motor}}$ 

- 3. As the initial terms expire, the executive director shall appoint successors from the same designated category for terms of 2 years. If renominated, a member may succeed himself or herself.
- 4. The board shall appoint a chair and vice chair at its initial meeting and every 2 years thereafter.

Section 47. Subsection (1) of section 320.771, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 320.771 License required of recreational vehicle dealers.-
- (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:
- (a) "Dealer" means any person engaged in the business of buying, selling, or dealing in recreational vehicles or offering or displaying recreational vehicles for sale. The term "dealer" includes a recreational vehicle broker. Any person who buys, sells, deals in, or offers or displays for sale, or who acts as the agent for the sale of, one or more recreational vehicles in any 12-month period shall be prima facie presumed to be a dealer. The terms "selling" and "sale" include lease-purchase transactions. The term "dealer" does not include banks, credit unions, and finance companies that acquire recreational vehicles as an incident to their regular business and does not include mobile home rental and leasing companies that sell recreational vehicles to dealers licensed under this section. A licensed dealer may transact business in recreational vehicles with a motor vehicle auction as defined in s. 320.27(1)(c)4. Further, a licensed dealer may, at retail or wholesale, sell a motor vehicle, as described in s. 320.01(1)(a), acquired in exchange

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for the sale of a recreational vehicle, if such acquisition is incidental to the principal business of being a recreational vehicle dealer. However, a recreational vehicle dealer may not buy a motor vehicle for the purpose of resale unless licensed as a motor vehicle dealer pursuant to s. 320.27.

- (b) "Recreational vehicle broker" means any person who is engaged in the business of offering to procure or procuring used recreational vehicles for the general public; who holds himself or herself out through solicitation, advertisement, or otherwise as one who offers to procure or procures used recreational vehicles for the general public; or who acts as the agent or intermediary on behalf of the owner or seller of a used recreational vehicle which is for sale or who assists or represents the seller in finding a buyer for the recreational vehicle.
- (c) For the purposes of this section, the term "recreational vehicle" does not include any camping trailer, as defined in s.  $320.01(1)\ (b)\ 2$ .
- (d) A dealer may apply for a certificate of title to a recreational vehicle required to be registered under s.

  320.08(9) using a manufacturer's statement of origin as permitted by s. 319.23(1) only if such dealer is authorized by a manufacturer/dealer agreement as defined in s. 320.3202(8) on file with the department to buy, sell, or deal in that particular line-make of recreational vehicle and is authorized by such agreement to perform delivery and preparation obligations and warranty defect adjustments on that line-make.

Section 48. Section 320.95, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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- $\underline{\mbox{(1)}}$  The department  $\underline{\mbox{may}}$  is authorized to accept any application provided for under this chapter by electronic or telephonic means.
- (2) The department may collect and use electronic mail addresses for the purpose of providing renewal notices in lieu of the United States Postal Service.

Section 49. Section 321.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

321.02 Powers and duties of department, highway patrol.—The director of the Division of Highway Patrol of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall be designated the Colonel also be the commander of the Florida Highway Patrol. The said department shall set up and promulgate rules and regulations by which the personnel of the Florida Highway Patrol officers shall be examined, employed, trained, located, suspended, reduced in rank, discharged, recruited, paid and pensioned, subject to civil service provisions hereafter set out. The department may enter into contracts or agreements, with or without competitive bidding or procurement, to make available, on a fair, reasonable, nonexclusive, and nondiscriminatory basis, property and other structures under division control for the placement of new facilities by any wireless provider of mobile service as defined in 47 U.S.C. s. 153(27) or s. 332(d), and any telecommunications company as defined in s. 364.02 when it is determined to be practical and feasible to make such property or other structures available. The department may, without adopting a rule, charge a just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory fee for placement of the

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facilities, payable annually, based on the fair market value of space used by comparable communications facilities in the state. The department and a wireless provider or telecommunications company may negotiate the reduction or elimination of a fee in consideration of services provided to the division by the wireless provider or the telecommunications company. All such fees collected by the department shall be deposited directly into the State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System Trust Fund, and may be used to construct, maintain, or support the system. The department is further specifically authorized to purchase, sell, trade, rent, lease and maintain all necessary equipment, uniforms, motor vehicles, communication systems, housing facilities, office space, and perform any other acts necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of this chapter. However, all supplies and equipment consisting of single items or in lots shall be purchased under the requirements of s. 287.057. Purchases shall be made by accepting the bid of the lowest responsive bidder, the right being reserved to reject all bids. The department shall prescribe a distinctive uniform and distinctive emblem to be worn by all officers of the Florida Highway Patrol. It shall be unlawful for any other person or persons to wear a similar uniform or emblem, or any part or parts thereof. The department shall also prescribe distinctive colors for use on motor vehicles and motorcycles operated by the Florida Highway Patrol. The prescribed colors shall be referred to as "Florida Highway Patrol black and tan." Section 50. Subsection (3) of section 322.02, Florida

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322.02 Legislative intent; administration.-

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(3) The department shall employ a director, who is charged with the duty of serving as the executive officer of the Division of Motorist Services within Driver Licenses of the department insofar as the administration of this chapter is concerned. He or she shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the department, and his or her official actions and decisions as executive officer shall be conclusive unless the same are superseded or reversed by the department or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 51. Subsection (1) of section 322.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 322.04 Persons exempt from obtaining driver's license.-
- (1) The following persons are exempt from obtaining a driver's license:
- (a) Any employee of the United States Government, while operating a noncommercial motor vehicle owned by or leased to the United States Government and being operated on official business.
- (b) Any person while driving or operating any road machine, farm tractor, or implement of husbandry temporarily operated or moved on a highway.
- (c) A nonresident who is at least 16 years of age and who has in his or her immediate possession a valid noncommercial driver's license issued to the nonresident in his or her home state or country, may operate a motor vehicle of the type for which a Class E driver's license is required in this state if he or she has in his or her immediate possession:
- 1. A valid noncommercial driver's license issued in his or her name from another state or territory of the United States;

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- 2. An International Driving Permit issued in his or her name in his or her country of residence and a valid license issued in that country.
- (d) A nonresident who is at least 18 years of age and who has in his or her immediate possession a valid noncommercial driver's license issued to the nonresident in his or her home state or country may operate a motor vehicle, other than a commercial motor vehicle, in this state.
- $\underline{\text{(d)}}$  (e) Any person operating a golf cart, as defined in s. 320.01, which is operated in accordance with the provisions of s. 316.212.
- Section 52. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 322.051, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:

322.051 Identification cards.-

- (1) Any person who is 5 years of age or older, or any person who has a disability, regardless of age, who applies for a disabled parking permit under s. 320.0848, may be issued an identification card by the department upon completion of an application and payment of an application fee.
- (a) Each such application shall include the following information regarding the applicant:
- 1. Full name (first, middle or maiden, and last), gender, proof of social security card number satisfactory to the department, county of residence, mailing address, proof of residential address satisfactory to the department, country of birth, and a brief description.
  - 2. Proof of birth date satisfactory to the department.

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- 3. Proof of identity satisfactory to the department. Such proof must include one of the following documents issued to the applicant:
- a. A driver's license record or identification card record from another jurisdiction that required the applicant to submit a document for identification which is substantially similar to a document required under sub-subparagraph b., sub-subparagraph c., sub-subparagraph d., sub-subparagraph e., sub-subparagraph f., sub-subparagraph g., or sub-subparagraph h.;
  - b. A certified copy of a United States birth certificate;
  - c. A valid, unexpired United States passport;
- d. A naturalization certificate issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security;
- e. A valid, unexpired alien registration receipt card
  (green card);
- f. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the United States Department of State;
- g. An unexpired employment authorization card issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security; or
- h. Proof of nonimmigrant classification provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security, for an original identification card. In order to prove such nonimmigrant classification, applicants <u>must provide at least one of may produce but are not limited to</u> the following documents, and, in addition, the department may require other documents for the sole purpose of establishing the maintenance of or efforts to maintain continuous lawful presence:
- (I) A notice of hearing from an immigration court scheduling a hearing on any proceeding.

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- 2524 (II) A notice from the Board of Immigration Appeals 2525 acknowledging pendency of an appeal.
  - (III) Notice of the approval of an application for adjustment of status issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
  - (IV) Any official documentation confirming the filing of a petition for asylum or refugee status or any other relief issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
  - (V) Notice of action transferring any pending matter from another jurisdiction to Florida, issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
  - (VI) Order of an immigration judge or immigration officer granting any relief that authorizes the alien to live and work in the United States including, but not limited to asylum.
  - (VII) Evidence that an application is pending for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States or conditional permanent resident status in the United States, if a visa number is available having a current priority date for processing by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
  - (VIII) On or after January 1, 2010, an unexpired foreign passport with an unexpired United States Visa affixed, accompanied by an approved I-94, documenting the most recent admittance into the United States.

An identification card issued based on documents required Presentation of any of the documents described in sub-

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subparagraph g. or sub-subparagraph h. <u>is valid</u> entitles the applicant to an identification card for a period not to exceed the expiration date of the document presented or 1 year, whichever first occurs.

(9) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or s. 322.21 to the contrary, the department shall issue or renew a card at no charge to a person who presents good cause for a fee waiver.

Section 53. Subsection (4) of section 322.058, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.058 Suspension of driving privileges due to support delinquency; reinstatement.—

(4) This section applies only to the annual renewal in the owner's birth month of a motor vehicle registration and does not apply to the transfer of a registration of a motor vehicle sold by a motor vehicle dealer licensed under chapter 320, except for the transfer of registrations which is inclusive of the annual renewals. This section does not affect the issuance of the title to a motor vehicle, notwithstanding s. 319.23(8)(b)

Section 54. Section 322.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.065 Driver's license expired for  $\underline{6}$  4 months or less; penalties.—Any person whose driver's license has been expired for  $\underline{6}$  4 months or less and who drives a motor vehicle upon the highways of this state  $\underline{\text{commits}}$   $\underline{\text{is guilty of}}$  an infraction and  $\underline{\text{is}}$  subject to the penalty provided in s. 318.18.

Section 55. Subsection (3) of section 322.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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322.07 Instruction permits and temporary licenses.-

- (3) Any person who, except for his or her lack of instruction in operating a commercial motor vehicle, would otherwise be qualified to obtain a commercial driver's license under this chapter, may apply for a temporary commercial instruction permit. The department shall issue such a permit entitling the applicant, while having the permit in his or her immediate possession, to drive a commercial motor vehicle on the highways, provided that:
- (a) The applicant possesses a valid <u>Florida</u> driver's license <u>issued in any state</u>; and
- (b) The applicant, while operating a commercial motor vehicle, is accompanied by a licensed driver who is 21 years of age or older, who is licensed to operate the class of vehicle being operated, and who is actually occupying the closest seat to the right of the driver.

Section 56. Subsection (2) of section 322.08, Florida Statutes, is amended, paragraphs (o), (p), and (q) are added to subsection (7) of that section, and subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:

322.08 Application for license; requirements for license and identification card forms.—

- (2) Each such application shall include the following information regarding the applicant:
- (a) Full name (first, middle or maiden, and last), gender, proof of social security card number satisfactory to the department, county of residence, mailing address, proof of residential address satisfactory to the department, country of birth, and a brief description.

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- (b) Proof of birth date satisfactory to the department.
  - (c) Proof of identity satisfactory to the department. Such proof must include one of the following documents issued to the applicant:
  - 1. A driver's license record or identification card record from another jurisdiction that required the applicant to submit a document for identification which is substantially similar to a document required under subparagraph 2., subparagraph 3., subparagraph 4., subparagraph 5., subparagraph 6., subparagraph 7., or subparagraph 8.;
    - 2. A certified copy of a United States birth certificate;
    - 3. A valid, unexpired United States passport;
  - 4. A naturalization certificate issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security;
  - 5. A valid, unexpired alien registration receipt card (green card);
  - 6. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the United States Department of State;
  - 7. An unexpired employment authorization card issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security; or
  - 8. Proof of nonimmigrant classification provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security, for an original driver's license. In order to prove nonimmigrant classification, an applicant must provide at least one of the following documents; in addition, the department may require other documents for the sole purpose of establishing the maintenance of or efforts to maintain continuous lawful presence may produce the following documents, including, but not limited to:
    - a. A notice of hearing from an immigration court scheduling

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- b. A notice from the Board of Immigration Appeals acknowledging pendency of an appeal.
- c. A notice of the approval of an application for adjustment of status issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- d. Any official documentation confirming the filing of a petition for asylum or refugee status or any other relief issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- e. A notice of action transferring any pending matter from another jurisdiction to this state issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- f. An order of an immigration judge or immigration officer granting any relief that authorizes the alien to live and work in the United States, including, but not limited to, asylum.
- g. Evidence that an application is pending for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States or conditional permanent resident status in the United States, if a visa number is available having a current priority date for processing by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- h. On or after January 1, 2010, an unexpired foreign passport with an unexpired United States Visa affixed, accompanied by an approved I-94, documenting the most recent admittance into the United States.

A driver's license or temporary permit issued based on documents required Presentation of any of the documents in subparagraph 7.

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or subparagraph 8. <u>is valid</u> entitles the applicant to a driver's license or temporary permit for a period not to exceed the expiration date of the document presented or 1 year, whichever occurs first.

- (d) Whether the applicant has previously been licensed to drive, and, if so, when and by what state, and whether any such license or driving privilege has ever been disqualified, revoked, or suspended, or whether an application has ever been refused, and, if so, the date of and reason for such disqualification, suspension, revocation, or refusal.
- (e) Each such application may include fingerprints and other unique biometric means of identity.
- (7) The application form for an original, renewal, or replacement driver's license or identification card shall include language permitting the following:
- (o) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant for Autism Services and Supports. Such contributions must be transferred by the department each month to the Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., Autism Services Fund.
- (p) Notwithstanding s. 26 of chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida, a voluntary contribution of \$1 or more per applicant to the Auto Club South Traffic Safety Foundation, a nonprofit organization. Funds received by the foundation shall be used to improve traffic safety culture in communities through effective outreach, education, and activities that will save lives, reduce injuries, and prevent crashes. The foundation must comply with s. 322.081.
- (q) The application form for motor vehicle registration and renewal registration must include language permitting a

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voluntary contribution of \$1 for Support Our Troops. The proceeds shall be transferred by the department each month to Support Our Troops, Inc.

A statement providing an explanation of the purpose of the trust funds shall also be included. For the purpose of applying the service charge provided in s. 215.20, contributions received under paragraphs (b)-(n) are not income of a revenue nature.

(8) The department may collect and use electronic mail addresses for the purpose of providing renewal notices in lieu of the United State Postal Service.

Section 57. Subsection (9) is added to section 322.081, Florida Statutes, to read:

322.081 Requests to establish voluntary checkoff on driver's license application.—

(9) The department may annually retain from the first proceeds derived from the voluntary contributions collected an amount sufficient to defray for each voluntary contribution the pro rata share of the department's costs directly related to the voluntary contributions program. Such costs include renewal notices, postage, distribution costs, direct costs to the department, and costs associated with reviewing each organization's compliance with the audit and attestation requirements of this section. The revenues retained by the department may not be less than 0.005 percent and may not exceed 0.015 percent. The balance of the proceeds from the voluntary contributions collected shall be distributed as provided by law.

Section 58. Subsection (5) of section 322.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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2729 examination for applicants for licenses to operate motorcycles. 2730 Any applicant for a driver's license who wishes to operate a 2731 motorcycle, and who is otherwise qualified, must successfully 2732 complete such an examination, which is in addition to the 2733 examination administered under subsection (3). The examination 2734 must test the applicant's knowledge of the operation of a 2735 motorcycle and of any traffic laws specifically relating thereto 2736 and must include an actual demonstration of his or her ability 2737 to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of 2738 a motorcycle. Any applicant who fails to pass the initial 2739 knowledge examination will incur a \$5 fee for each subsequent 2740 examination, to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating 2741 Trust Fund. Any applicant who fails to pass the initial skills 2742 examination will incur a \$10 fee for each subsequent 2743 examination, to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating 2744 Trust Fund. In the formulation of the examination, the 2745 department shall consider the use of the Motorcycle Operator

Skills Test and the Motorcycle in Traffic Test offered by the

Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The department shall indicate on

motorcycle. If the applicant wishes to be licensed to operate a

motorcycle only, he or she need not take the skill or road test

the license of any person who successfully completes the

examination that the licensee is authorized to operate a

required under subsection (3) for the operation of a motor

(5) (a) The department shall formulate a separate

322.12 Examination of applicants.-

vehicle, and the department shall indicate such a limitation on his or her license as a restriction. Every first-time applicant for licensure to operate a motorcycle must provide proof of

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completion of a motorcycle safety course, as provided for in s. 322.0255, which shall include a final examination before the applicant may be licensed to operate a motorcycle. The department shall indicate on the license of any person who successfully completes the course that the licensee is authorized to operate a motorcycle. If the applicant wishes to be licensed to operate a motorcycle only, he or she need not take the skill or road test required under subsection (3) for the operation of a motor vehicle, and the department shall indicate such a limitation on his or her license as a restriction.

(b) The department may exempt any applicant from the examination provided in this subsection if the applicant presents a certificate showing successful completion of a course approved by the department, which course includes a similar examination of the knowledge and skill of the applicant in the operation of a motorcycle.

Section 59. Subsection (5) of section 322.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.121 Periodic reexamination of all drivers.-

(5) Members of the Armed Forces, or their dependents residing with them, shall be granted an automatic extension for the expiration of their <u>Class E</u> licenses without reexamination while serving on active duty outside this state. This extension is valid for 90 days after the member of the Armed Forces is either discharged or returns to this state to live.

Section 60. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 322.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.14 Licenses issued to drivers.-

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(1)(a) The department shall, upon successful completion of all required examinations and payment of the required fee, issue to every applicant qualifying therefor, a driver's license as applied for, which license shall bear thereon a color photograph or digital image of the licensee; the name of the state; a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee; and the licensee's full name, date of birth, and residence address; a brief description of the licensee, including, but not limited to, the licensee's gender and height; and the dates of issuance and expiration of the license. A space shall be provided upon which the licensee shall affix his or her usual signature. No license shall be valid until it has been so signed by the licensee except that the signature of said licensee shall not be required if it appears thereon in facsimile or if the licensee is not present within the state at the time of issuance. Applicants qualifying to receive a Class A, Class B, or Class C driver's license must appear in person within the state for issuance of a color photographic or digital imaged driver's license pursuant to s. 322.142.

Section 61. Section 322.1415, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 322.1415 Specialty driver's license and identification card program.—
- (1) The department may issue to any applicant qualified pursuant to s. 322.14 a specialty driver's license or identification card upon payment of the appropriate fee pursuant to s. 322.21.
- (2) Department-approved specialty driver's licenses and identification cards shall, at a minimum, be available for state

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and independent universities domiciled in this state, all

Florida professional sports teams designated in s.

320.08058(9)(a), and all branches of the United States military.

(3) The design and use of each specialty driver's license and identification card must be approved by the department and the organization that is recognized by the driver's license or card.

Section 62. Section 322.145, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

322.145 Electronic authentication of licenses.-

- (1) Any driver's license issued on or after July 1, 2012, must contain a means of electronic authentication, which conforms to a recognized standard for such authentication, such as public key infrastructure, symmetric key algorithms, security tokens, mediametrics, or biometrics. Electronic authentication capabilities must not interfere with or change the driver's license format or topology.
- (2) The department shall provide, at the applicant's option and at the time a license is issued, a security token that can be electronically authenticated through a personal computer. The token must also conform to one of the standards provided subsection (1).
- (3) The department shall negotiate a new contract with the vendor selected to implement the electronic authentication feature which provides that the vendor pay all costs of implementing the system. This contract must not conflict with current contractual arrangements for the issuance of driver's licenses.
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section 322.20, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

322.20 Records of the department; fees; destruction of records.—

- (9) The department may, upon application, furnish to any person, from its the records of the Division of Driver Licenses, a list of the names, addresses, and birth dates of the licensed drivers of the entire state or any portion thereof by age group. In addition, the department may furnish to the courts, for the purpose of establishing jury selection lists, the names, addresses, and birth dates of the persons of the entire state or any portion thereof by age group having identification cards issued by the department. Each person who requests such information shall pay a fee, set by the department, of 1 cent per name listed, except that the department shall furnish such information without charge to the courts for the purpose of jury selection or to any state agency or to any state attorney, sheriff, or chief of police. Such court, state agency, state attorney, or law enforcement agency may not sell, give away, or allow the copying of such information. Noncompliance with this prohibition shall authorize the department to charge the noncomplying court, state agency, state attorney, or law enforcement agency the appropriate fee for any subsequent lists requested. The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection.
- (10) The <u>department</u> <u>Division of Driver Licenses</u> is authorized, upon application of any person and payment of the proper fees, to search and to assist such person in the search of the records of the department and make reports thereof and to make photographic copies of the departmental records and

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attestations thereof.

- implement a system that allows either parent of a minor, or a guardian, or other responsible adult who signed a minor's application for a driver's license to have Internet access through a secure website to inspect the minor's driver history record. Internet access to driver history records granted to a minor's parents, guardian, or other responsible adult shall be furnished by the department at no fee and shall terminate when the minor attains 18 years of age.
- (14) The department is authorized in accordance with chapter 257 to destroy reports, records, documents, papers, and correspondence in the <u>department</u> <u>Division of Driver Licenses</u> which are considered obsolete.
- (16) The creation and maintenance of records by the <u>Division of Motorist Services within the</u> department and the <u>Division of Driver Licenses</u> pursuant to this chapter shall not be regarded as law enforcement functions of agency recordkeeping.

Section 64. Section 322.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 322.202 Admission of evidence obtained from the Division of Motorist Services Driver Licenses and the Division of Motor Vehicles.—
- (1) The Legislature finds that the Division of Motorist Services Driver Licenses and the Division of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is are not a law enforcement agency agencies. The Legislature also finds that the division is divisions are not an adjunct adjuncts of any law

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enforcement agency in that employees have no stake in particular prosecutions. The Legislature further finds that errors in records maintained by the <u>Division of Motorist Services</u>

divisions are not within the collective knowledge of any law enforcement agency. The Legislature also finds that the <u>mission missions</u> of the Division of <u>Motorist Services Driver Licenses</u>, the <u>Division of Motor Vehicles</u>, and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles <u>provides provide</u> a sufficient incentive to maintain records in a current and correct fashion.

- (2) The Legislature finds that the purpose of the exclusionary rule is to deter misconduct on the part of law enforcement officers and law enforcement agencies.
- (3) The Legislature finds that the application of the exclusionary rule to cases where a law enforcement officer effects an arrest based on objectively reasonable reliance on information obtained from the divisions is repugnant to the purposes of the exclusionary rule and contrary to the decisions of the United States Supreme Court in Arizona v. Evans, 514 U.S. 1 (1995) and United States v. Leon, 468 U.S. 897 (1984).
- (4) In any case where a law enforcement officer effects an arrest based on objectively reasonable reliance on information obtained from the divisions, evidence found pursuant to such an arrest shall not be suppressed by application of the exclusionary rule on the grounds that the arrest is subsequently determined to be unlawful due to erroneous information obtained from the divisions.

Section 65. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (1) of section 322.21, Florida Statutes, and subsections (2) and (4) of that section are amended, to read:

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- 322.21 License fees; procedure for handling and collecting fees.—
  - (1) Except as otherwise provided herein, the fee for:
- (i) The specialty license or identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.1415 is \$25, which is in addition to other fees required in this section. The specialty fee shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Twenty percent shall be distributed to the appropriate state or independent university foundation, the Florida Sports Foundation, or the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund, as designated by the purchaser, for deposit into an unrestricted account.
- 2. Eighty percent shall be distributed to the department for department costs directly related to the specialty driver's license and identification card program and to defray costs of production enhancements and distribution.
- (2) It is the duty of the Director of the Division of Motorist Services to provide Driver Licenses to set up a division in the department with the necessary personnel to perform the necessary clerical and routine work for the department in issuing and recording applications, licenses, and certificates of eligibility, including the receiving and accounting of all license funds and their payment into the State Treasury, and other incidental clerical work connected with the administration of this chapter. The department may use such electronic, mechanical, or other devices as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.
- (4) If the department determines from its records or is otherwise satisfied that the holder of a license about to expire

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is entitled to have it renewed, the department shall mail a renewal notice to the licensee at his or her last known address, at least within 30 days before the licensee's birthday. The licensee may shall be issued a renewal license, after reexamination, if required, during the 30 days immediately preceding his or her birthday upon presenting a renewal notice, his or her current license, and the fee for renewal to the department at any driver's license examining office. A driver may renew his or her driver's license up to 18 months prior to the license expiration date.

Section 66. Subsection (2) of section 322.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.53 License required; exemptions.-

- (2) The following persons are exempt from the requirement to obtain a commercial driver's license:
  - (a) Drivers of authorized emergency vehicles.
- (b) Military personnel driving vehicles operated for military purposes.
- (c) Farmers transporting <u>agricultural products</u>, farm supplies, or farm machinery to or from their farms within 150 miles of their farm <u>if the vehicle operated under this exemption</u> is not used in the operations of a common or contract motor <u>carrier</u>, or transporting agricultural products to or from the <u>first place of storage or processing or directly to or from market</u>, within 150 miles of their farm.
- (d) Drivers of recreational vehicles, as defined in s. 320.01.
- (e) Drivers who operate straight trucks, as defined in s. 316.003, which that are exclusively transporting their own

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tangible personal property that which is not for sale or hire, and the vehicle is not used in commerce.

(f) An employee of a publicly owned transit system who is limited to moving vehicles for maintenance or parking purposes exclusively within the restricted-access confines of a transit system's property.

Section 67. Subsection (5) is added to section 322.54, Florida Statutes, to read:

322.54 Classification.-

(5) The required driver's license classification of any person operating a commercial motor vehicle that has no gross vehicle weight rating plate or no vehicle identification number shall be determined by the actual weight of the vehicle.

Section 68. <u>Section 322.58</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, <u>is repealed</u>. Section 69. Section 322.59, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.59 Possession of medical examiner's certificate.

- (1) The department shall not issue a commercial driver's license to any person who is required by the laws of this state or by federal law to possess a medical examiner's certificate, unless such person provides presents a valid certificate, as described in 49 C.F.R. s. 383.71, prior to licensure.
- (2) The department shall disqualify a driver from operating a commercial motor vehicle if that driver holds a commercial driver's license and fails to comply with the medical certification requirements described in 49 C.F.R. s. 383.71.
- (2) This section does not expand the requirements as to who must possess a medical examiner's certificate.

Section 70. Subsection (5) of section 322.61, Florida

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Statutes, is amended to read:

322.61 Disqualification from operating a commercial motor vehicle.—

(5) Any person who is convicted of two violations specified in subsection (3) which were committed while operating a commercial motor vehicle, or any combination thereof, arising in separate incidents shall be permanently disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle. Any holder of a commercial driver's license who is convicted of two violations specified in subsection (3), which were committed while operating any a noncommercial motor vehicle, or any combination thereof, arising in separate incidents shall be permanently disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle. The penalty provided in this subsection is in addition to any other applicable penalty.

Section 71. Subsections (1), (4), (7), (8), and (11) of section 322.64, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

322.64 Holder of commercial driver's license; persons operating a commercial motor vehicle; driving with unlawful blood-alcohol level; refusal to submit to breath, urine, or blood test.—

(1) (a) A law enforcement officer or correctional officer shall, on behalf of the department, disqualify from operating any commercial motor vehicle a person who while operating or in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle is arrested for a violation of s. 316.193, relating to unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level, or a person who has refused to submit to a breath, urine, or blood test authorized by s. 322.63 or s. 316.1932 arising out of the operation or actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle. A law

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enforcement officer or correctional officer shall, on behalf of the department, disqualify the holder of a commercial driver's license from operating any commercial motor vehicle if the licenseholder, while operating or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle, is arrested for a violation of s. 316.193, relating to unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level, or refused to submit to a breath, urine, or blood test authorized by s. 322.63 or s. 316.1932. Upon disqualification of the person, the officer shall take the person's driver's license and issue the person a 10-day temporary permit for the operation of noncommercial vehicles only if the person is otherwise eligible for the driving privilege and shall issue the person a notice of disqualification. If the person has been given a blood, breath, or urine test, the results of which are not available to the officer at the time of the arrest, the agency employing the officer shall transmit such results to the department within 5 days after receipt of the results. If the department then determines that the person had a blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher, the department shall disqualify the person from operating a commercial motor vehicle pursuant to subsection (3).

- (b) For purposes of determining the period of disqualification described in 49 C.F.R. s. 383.51, disqualifications listed in paragraph (a) shall be treated as convictions.
- (c) (b) The disqualification under paragraph (a) shall be pursuant to, and the notice of disqualification shall inform the driver of, the following:
  - 1.a. The driver refused to submit to a lawful breath,

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blood, or urine test and he or she is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for the time period specified in 49 C.F.R. s. 383.51 a period of 1 year, for a first refusal, or permanently, if he or she has previously been disqualified under this section; or

- b. The driver had an unlawful blood-alcohol or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher while driving or in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle, or any motor vehicle if the driver holds a commercial driver's license, and is disqualified for the time period specified in 49 C.F.R. s.

  383.51. The driver was driving or in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle, or any motor vehicle if the driver holds a commercial driver's license, had an unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher, and his or her driving privilege shall be disqualified for a period of 1 year for a first offense or permanently disqualified under this section.
- 2. The disqualification period for operating commercial vehicles shall commence on the date of issuance of the notice of disqualification.
- 3. The driver may request a formal or informal review of the disqualification by the department within 10 days after the date of issuance of the notice of disqualification.
- 4. The temporary permit issued at the time of disqualification expires at midnight of the 10th day following the date of disqualification.
- 5. The driver may submit to the department any materials relevant to the disqualification.

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- (4) If the person disqualified requests an informal review pursuant to subparagraph (1)  $\underline{\text{(c)}}$  (b) 3., the department shall conduct the informal review by a hearing officer employed by the department. Such informal review hearing shall consist solely of an examination by the department of the materials submitted by a law enforcement officer or correctional officer and by the person disqualified, and the presence of an officer or witness is not required.
- (7) In a formal review hearing under subsection (6) or an informal review hearing under subsection (4), the hearing officer shall determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether sufficient cause exists to sustain, amend, or invalidate the disqualification. The scope of the review shall be limited to the following issues:
- (a) If the person was disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for driving with an unlawful bloodalcohol level:
- 1. Whether the arresting law enforcement officer had probable cause to believe that the person was driving or in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle, or any motor vehicle if the driver holds a commercial driver's license, in this state while he or she had any alcohol, chemical substances, or controlled substances in his or her body.
- 2. Whether the person had an unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher.
- (b) If the person was disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for refusal to submit to a breath, blood, or urine test:
  - 1. Whether the law enforcement officer had probable cause

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to believe that the person was driving or in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle, or any motor vehicle if the driver holds a commercial driver's license, in this state while he or she had any alcohol, chemical substances, or controlled substances in his or her body.

- 2. Whether the person refused to submit to the test after being requested to do so by a law enforcement officer or correctional officer.
- 3. Whether the person was told that if he or she refused to submit to such test he or she would be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of 1 year or, if previously disqualified under this section, permanently.
- (8) Based on the determination of the hearing officer pursuant to subsection (7) for both informal hearings under subsection (4) and formal hearings under subsection (6), the department shall:
- (a) sustain the disqualification for the time period described in 49 C.F.R. s. 383.51 a period of 1 year for a first refusal, or permanently if such person has been previously disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle under this section. The disqualification period commences on the date of the issuance of the notice of disqualification.
  - (b) Sustain the disqualification:
- 1. For a period of 1 year if the person was driving or in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle, or any motor vehicle if the driver holds a commercial driver's license, and had an unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher; or
  - 2. Permanently if the person has been previously

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disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle under this section or his or her driving privilege has been previously suspended for driving or being in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle, or any motor vehicle if the driver holds a commercial driver's license, and had an unlawful bloodalcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher.

## The disqualification period commences on the date of the issuance of the notice of disqualification.

(11) The formal review hearing may be conducted upon a review of the reports of a law enforcement officer or a correctional officer, including documents relating to the administration of a breath test or blood test or the refusal to take a breath, blood, or urine either test. However, as provided in subsection (6), the driver may subpoen the officer or any person who administered or analyzed a breath or blood test.

Section 72. Section 328.30, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 328.30 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.-
- $\underline{\ \ }$  (1) The department  $\underline{\ \ }$  is authorized to accept any application provided for under this chapter by electronic or telephonic means.
- (2) The department may issue an electronic certificate of title in lieu of printing a paper title.
- (3) The department may collect and use electronic mail addresses for the purpose of providing renewal notices in lieu of the United States Postal Service.

Section 73. Subsection (2) of section 413.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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413.012 Confidential records disclosure prohibited; exemptions.—

(2) It is unlawful for any person to disclose, authorize the disclosure, solicit, receive, or make use of any list of names and addresses or any record containing any information set forth in subsection (1) and maintained in the division. The prohibition provided for in this subsection shall not apply to the use of such information for purposes directly connected with the administration of the vocational rehabilitation program or with the monthly dispatch to the Division of Driver Licenses of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles of the name in full, place and date of birth, sex, social security number, and resident address of individuals with central visual acuity 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses, or a disqualifying field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter or visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees. When requested in writing by an applicant or client, or her or his representative, the Division of Blind Services shall release confidential information to the applicant or client or her or his representative.

Section 74. Paragraph (f) of subsection (13) of section 713.78, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

713.78 Liens for recovering, towing, or storing vehicles and vessels.—

(13)

(f) This subsection applies only to the annual renewal in the registered owner's birth month of a motor vehicle registration and does not apply to the transfer of a

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registration of a motor vehicle sold by a motor vehicle dealer licensed under chapter 320, except for the transfer of registrations which is inclusive of the annual renewals. This subsection does not apply to any vehicle registered in the name of the lessor. This subsection does not affect the issuance of the title to a motor vehicle, notwithstanding s. 319.23(8)(b) 319.23(7)(b).

Section 75. Effective October 1, 2011, sections 70-78 of this act may be cited as the "Highway Safety Act."

Section 76. The Legislature finds that road rage and aggressive careless driving are a growing threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The intent of the Legislature is to reduce road rage and aggressive careless driving, reduce the incidence of drivers' interfering with the movement of traffic, minimize crashes, and promote the orderly, free flow of traffic on the roads and highways of the state.

Section 77. Effective October 1, 2011, present subsection (3) of section 316.083, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (4), and a new subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

316.083 Overtaking and passing a vehicle.—The following rules shall govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject to those limitations, exceptions, and special rules hereinafter stated:

(3) (a) On roads, streets, or highways having two or more lanes that allow movement in the same direction, a driver may not continue to operate a motor vehicle in the furthermost left-hand lane if the driver knows, or reasonably should know, that he or she is being overtaken in that lane from the rear by a

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- (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a driver operating a motor vehicle in the furthermost left-hand lane if:
- 1. The driver is driving the legal speed limit and is not impeding the flow of traffic in the furthermost left-hand lane;
- 2. The driver is in the process of overtaking a slower motor vehicle in the adjacent right-hand lane for the purpose of passing the slower moving vehicle so that the driver may move to the adjacent right-hand lane;
- 3. Conditions make the flow of traffic substantially the same in all lanes or preclude the driver from moving to the adjacent right-hand lane;
- 4. The driver's movement to the adjacent right-hand lane could endanger the driver or other drivers;
- 5. The driver is directed by a law enforcement officer, road sign, or road crew to remain in the furthermost left-hand lane; or
  - 6. The driver is preparing to make a left turn.
- (c) A driver who violates s. 316.183 and this subsection simultaneously shall receive a uniform traffic citation solely under s. 316.183.
- 3270 Section 78. Effective October 1, 2011, section 316.1923, 3271 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 316.1923 Aggressive careless driving.
- 3273 (1) "Aggressive careless driving" means committing three
  3274 two or more of the following acts simultaneously or in
  3275 succession:
- 3276 (a) (1) Exceeding the posted speed as defined in s. 3277 322.27(3)(d)5.b.

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3278 (b) (2) Unsafely or improperly changing lanes as defined in 3279 s. 316.085. (c) (3) Following another vehicle too closely as defined in 3280 3281 s. 316.0895(1).3282 (d) $\frac{4}{4}$  Failing to yield the right-of-way as defined in s. 316.079, s. 316.0815, or s. 316.123. 3283 3284 (e) (5) Improperly passing or failing to yield to overtaking vehicles as defined in s. 316.083, s. 316.084, or s. 316.085. 3285 3286 (f) (6) Violating traffic control and signal devices as defined in ss. 316.074 and 316.075. 3287 3288 (2) Any person convicted of aggressive careless driving 3289 shall be cited for a moving violation and punished as provided 3290 in chapter 318, and by the accumulation of points as provided in 3291 s. 322.27, for each act of aggressive careless driving. 3292 Section 79. Effective October 1, 2011, section 318.121, 3293 Florida Statutes, is amended to read 3294 318.121 Preemption of additional fees, fines, surcharges, 3295 and costs.-Notwithstanding any general or special law, or 3296 municipal or county ordinance, additional fees, fines, 3297 surcharges, or costs other than the additional fees, fines, 3298 court costs, and surcharges assessed under s. 318.18(11), (13), 3299 (18), and (19), and (22) may not be added to the civil traffic 3300 penalties assessed in this chapter. Section 80. Effective October 1, 2011, subsection (22) is 3301 added to section 318.18, Florida Statutes, to read: 3302 3303 318.18 Amount of penalties. - The penalties required for a

(22) (a) In addition to any penalties or points imposed

noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal

offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows:

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under s. 316.1923, a person convicted of aggressive careless driving shall also pay:

- 1. Upon a first violation, a fine of \$100.
- 2. Upon a second or subsequent conviction, a fine of not less than \$250 but not more than \$500 and be subject to a mandatory hearing under s. 318.19.
- (b) The clerk of the court shall remit the moneys collected from the increased fine imposed by this subsection to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund. Of the funds deposited into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund, \$200,000 in the first year after October 1, 2011, and \$50,000 in the second and third years, shall be transferred into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to offset the cost of providing educational materials related to this act. Funds deposited into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund under this subsection shall be allocated as follows:
- 1. Twenty-five percent shall be allocated equally among all Level I, Level II, and pediatric trauma centers in recognition of readiness costs for maintaining trauma services.
- 2. Twenty-five percent shall be allocated among Level I, Level II, and pediatric trauma centers based on each center's relative volume of trauma cases as reported in the Department of Health Trauma Registry.
- 3. Twenty-five percent shall be transferred to the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund and used by the department for making matching grants to emergency medical services organizations as defined in s. 401.107.
  - 4. Twenty-five percent shall be transferred to the

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Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund and made available to rural emergency medical services as defined in s. 401.107, and shall be used solely to improve and expand prehospital emergency medical services in this state. Additionally, these moneys may be used for the improvement, expansion, or continuation of services provided.

Section 81. Effective October 1, 2011, section 318.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318.19 Infractions requiring a mandatory hearing.—Any person cited for the infractions listed in this section shall not have the provisions of s. 318.14(2), (4), and (9) available to him or her but must appear before the designated official at the time and location of the scheduled hearing:

- (1) Any infraction which results in a crash that causes the death of another;
- (2) Any infraction which results in a crash that causes "serious bodily injury" of another as defined in s. 316.1933(1);
  - (3) Any infraction of s. 316.172(1)(b);
- (4) Any infraction of s. 316.520(1) or (2); or
- (5) Any infraction of s. 316.183(2), s. 316.187, or s.
- 3356 316.189 of exceeding the speed limit by 30 m.p.h. or more; or-
  - (6) A second or subsequent infraction of s. 316.1923(1).

Section 82. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor

Vehicles shall provide information about the Highway Safety Act

in all driver's license educational materials newly printed on

or after October 1, 2011.

Section 83. Effective October 1, 2011, for the purpose of incorporating the amendments made by this act to section 316.1923, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph

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(a) of subsection (1) of section 316.650, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

316.650 Traffic citations.-

(1) (a) The department shall prepare and supply to every traffic enforcement agency in this state an appropriate form traffic citation that contains a notice to appear, is issued in prenumbered books, meets the requirements of this chapter or any laws of this state regulating traffic, and is consistent with the state traffic court rules and the procedures established by the department. The form shall include a box that is to be checked by the law enforcement officer when the officer believes that the traffic violation or crash was due to aggressive careless driving as defined in s. 316.1923. The form shall also include a box that is to be checked by the law enforcement officer when the officer writes a uniform traffic citation for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. as a result of the driver failing to stop at a traffic signal.

Section 84. Effective October 1, 2011, section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.089 Members of National Guard and active United States Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients; Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; Combat Infantry Badge recipients; special license plates; fee.—

(1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and an active or retired member of the Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack

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on Pearl Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, or an active or retired member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces Reserve, or a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge shall, upon application to the department, accompanied by proof of active membership or retired status in the Florida National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart medal recipient, or proof of active or retired membership in any branch of the Armed Forces Reserve, or proof of membership in the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., or other proof of being a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, and upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06, upon which, in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," or "U.S. Reserve," or "Combat Infantry Badge," as appropriate, followed by the serial number of the license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually thereafter, the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from the sale of license plates issued under this section shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law for that trust fund. Any additional general revenue generated from the sale of such plates shall be deposited into the State

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Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct, operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for veterans, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

- (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate or a Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a disabled veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be issued the appropriate special license plate without payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.
- (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and who is a former prisoner of war, or their unremarried surviving spouse, shall, upon application therefor to the department, be issued a license plate as provided in s. 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Ex-POW" followed by the serial number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant meets the qualifications specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).
- (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of a nation allied with the United States who was held as a prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in this subsection without payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.
  - (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the consent

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of the United States Government, or a person who was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was not a United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when the Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in this subsection upon payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

- (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident of this state and who is the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall, upon application therefor to the department, with the payment of the required fees, be issued a license plate as provided in s. 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Purple Heart" and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by the serial number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.
- (4) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d) which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident of the state and a current or former member of the United States military who was deployed and served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom or in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom shall, upon application to the department, accompanied by proof of active

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membership or former active duty status during one of these operations, and upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the words "Operation Iraqi Freedom" or "Operation Enduring Freedom," as appropriate, followed by the registration license number of the plate.

Section 85. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 318.1451, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318.1451 Driver improvement schools.-

(2) (a) In determining whether to approve the courses referenced in this section, the department shall consider course content designed to promote safety, driver awareness, crash avoidance techniques, the dangers of driving while distracted, which must specifically include the use of technology while driving, and other factors or criteria to improve driver performance from a safety viewpoint.

Section 86. Subsection (1) of section 322.095, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.095 Traffic law and substance abuse education program for driver's license applicants.—

(1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must approve traffic law and substance abuse education courses that must be completed by applicants for a Florida driver's license. The curricula for the courses must provide instruction on the physiological and psychological consequences of the abuse of alcohol and other drugs, the societal and economic costs of alcohol and drug abuse, the effects of alcohol and drug abuse on

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the driver of a motor vehicle, the dangers of driving while distracted, which must specifically include the use of technology while driving, and the laws of this state relating to the operation of a motor vehicle. All instructors teaching the courses shall be certified by the department.

Section 87. Subsection (3) of section 320.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.27 Motor vehicle dealers.-

(3) APPLICATION AND FEE.—The application for the license shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the department and shall be subject to such rules with respect thereto as may be so prescribed by it. Such application shall be verified by oath or affirmation and shall contain a full statement of the name and birth date of the person or persons applying therefor; the name of the firm or copartnership, with the names and places of residence of all members thereof, if such applicant is a firm or copartnership; the names and places of residence of the principal officers, if the applicant is a body corporate or other artificial body; the name of the state under whose laws the corporation is organized; the present and former place or places of residence of the applicant; and prior business in which the applicant has been engaged and the location thereof. Such application shall describe the exact location of the place of business and shall state whether the place of business is owned by the applicant and when acquired, or, if leased, a true copy of the lease shall be attached to the application. The applicant shall certify that the location provides an adequately equipped office and is not a residence; that the location affords sufficient unoccupied space upon and within which

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adequately to store all motor vehicles offered and displayed for sale; and that the location is a suitable place where the applicant can in good faith carry on such business and keep and maintain books, records, and files necessary to conduct such business, which will be available at all reasonable hours to inspection by the department or any of its inspectors or other employees. The applicant shall certify that the business of a motor vehicle dealer is the principal business which shall be conducted at that location. Such application shall contain a statement that the applicant is either franchised by a manufacturer of motor vehicles, in which case the name of each motor vehicle that the applicant is franchised to sell shall be included, or an independent (nonfranchised) motor vehicle dealer. Such application shall contain such other relevant information as may be required by the department, including evidence that the applicant is insured under a garage liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy coupled with a business automobile policy, which shall include, at a minimum, \$25,000 combined single-limit liability coverage including bodily injury and property damage protection and \$10,000 personal injury protection. The requirements for garage liability insurance and personal injury protection do not apply to a salvage motor vehicle dealer as defined in s. 320.27(1)(c)5. Franchise dealers must submit a garage liability insurance policy, and all other dealers must submit a garage liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy coupled with a business automobile policy. Such policy shall be for the license period, and evidence of a new or continued policy shall be delivered to the department at the

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beginning of each license period. Upon making initial application, the applicant shall pay to the department a fee of \$300 in addition to any other fees now required by law; upon making a subsequent renewal application, the applicant shall pay to the department a fee of \$75 in addition to any other fees now required by law. Upon making an application for a change of location, the person shall pay a fee of \$50 in addition to any other fees now required by law. The department shall, in the case of every application for initial licensure, verify whether certain facts set forth in the application are true. Each applicant, general partner in the case of a partnership, or corporate officer and director in the case of a corporate applicant, must file a set of fingerprints with the department for the purpose of determining any prior criminal record or any outstanding warrants. The department shall submit the fingerprints to the Department of Law Enforcement for state processing and forwarding to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for federal processing. The actual cost of state and federal processing shall be borne by the applicant and is in addition to the fee for licensure. The department may issue a license to an applicant pending the results of the fingerprint investigation, which license is fully revocable if the department subsequently determines that any facts set forth in the application are not true or correctly represented.

Section 88. Subsection (1) of section 316.6135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.6135 Leaving children unattended or unsupervised in motor vehicles; penalty; authority of law enforcement officer.—

(1) A parent, legal guardian, or other person responsible

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for a child younger than 6 years of age may not leave such child unattended or unsupervised in a motor vehicle:

- (a) For a period in excess of 15 minutes;
- (b) For any period of time if the motor of the vehicle is running, or the health of the child is in danger, or the child appears to be in distress.

Section 89. (1) This section may be cited as the "Inform Families First Act."

(2) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is encouraged to educate the law enforcement community and the general public about the importance of making certain that drivers are aware of and use the emergency contact information program established by the department. The department shall provide signs for the driver's license offices to advertise the program. This voluntary program allows each driver the opportunity to register the names of up to two individuals as the person he or she would want to be contacted if he or she is involved in a crash.

Section 90. Subsection (53) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 320.08058 Specialty license plates.
- (53) SUPPORT SOCCER LICENSE PLATES. -
- (a) The department shall develop a Support Soccer license plate as provided in this section. Support Soccer license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Support Soccer" must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the <u>Florida</u> <del>Lighthouse</del> Soccer Foundation, Inc., which shall retain the

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initial revenues from the sale of such plates until all startup costs for developing and establishing the plate have been recovered, not to exceed \$85,000. Thereafter, the proceeds of the annual use fee shall be used in the following manner:

- 1. Up to 25 percent of the proceeds may be used by the <u>Florida Lighthouse</u> Soccer Foundation, Inc., for continuing promotion and marketing of the license plate and concept.
- 2. Twenty percent shall be distributed to the Florida Youth Soccer Association for programs and services that foster the physical, mental, and emotional growth and development of Florida's youth through the sport of soccer at all levels of age and competition, including a portion to be determined by the Florida Youth Soccer Association for the TOPSoccer program to promote participation by the physically and mentally disadvantaged.
- 3. Twenty percent shall be distributed as grants for programs that promote participation by the economically disadvantaged and to support soccer programs where none previously existed.
- 4. Ten percent shall be distributed to the Florida State Soccer Association to promote the sport of soccer and the long-term development of the sport.
- 5. Ten percent shall be distributed as grants for programs that promote and support the construction of fields and soccerspecific infrastructure.
- 6. Ten percent shall be distributed as grants for programs that foster and promote health, physical fitness, and educational opportunities through soccer.
  - 7. Five percent shall be expended by the Florida Lighthouse

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Soccer Foundation, Inc., for administrative costs directly associated with the foundation's operations as they relate to the management and distribution of the proceeds.

Section 91. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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