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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to taxi operators; authorizing
 3 governmental units that regulate the operation of taxis to
 4 create a private property right in the license to operate
 5 a taxi; providing for the transfer of such property right;
 6 providing definitions; providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. (1) Any governmental unit that is authorized
 11 to regulate the operation of taxis within its geographic
 12 boundaries may adopt ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, or
 13 other acts that create a private property right or interest in a
 14 license to operate a taxi within the geographic boundaries of
 15 the governmental unit.

16 (2) Upon the creation of such private property right, the
 17 owner of a taxi operation may pledge, sell, assign, sublease, or
 18 otherwise transfer the license to another person. However, the
 19 owner must apply to the governmental unit before making such
 20 transfer and obtain its approval for the proposed action, except
 21 that a license may be transferred by operation of intestate
 22 succession or devise.

23 (3) As used in this section, the term:

24 (a) "License" includes any certificate, permit, medallion,
 25 or other evidence that authorizes a person to operate a taxi
 26 within the geographic boundaries of a governmental unit.

27 (b) "Governmental unit" includes a county, municipality,
 28 special district, commission, or other unit of state or local

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30 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.