



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Transportation (Garcia) recommended the following:

1           **Senate Substitute for Amendment (516378) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete everything after the enacting clause  
5 and insert:

6           Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section  
7 125.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

8           125.01 Powers and duties.—

9           (1) The legislative and governing body of a county shall  
10 have the power to carry on county government. To the extent not  
11 inconsistent with general or special law, this power includes,  
12 but is not restricted to, the power to:



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13           (n) Except as provided in s. 125.01035, license and  
14 regulate taxis, jitneys, limousines for hire, rental cars, and  
15 other passenger vehicles for hire that operate in the  
16 unincorporated areas of the county; except that any  
17 constitutional charter county as defined in s. 125.011(1) shall  
18 on July 1, 1988, have been authorized to have issued a number of  
19 permits to operate taxis which is no less than the ratio of one  
20 permit for each 1,000 residents of said county, and any such new  
21 permits issued after June 4, 1988, shall be issued by lottery  
22 among individuals with such experience as a taxi driver as the  
23 county may determine.

24           Section 2. Section 125.01035, Florida Statutes, is created  
25 to read:

26           125.01035 Passenger vehicles for hire; accepted methods of  
27 payment for passenger fares.—

28           (1) As used in this section, the term "payment card" means  
29 a credit card, charge card, debit card, or any other card that  
30 is issued to an authorized card user and that allows the user to  
31 obtain, purchase, or receive goods, services, money, or anything  
32 else of value from a merchant.

33           (2) A county may not prohibit the payment of passenger  
34 fares for a taxicab, limousine, jitney, or other passenger  
35 vehicle for hire by cash, check, or similar method of payment.

36           Section 3. Section 166.0433, Florida Statutes, is created  
37 to read:

38           166.0433 Passenger vehicles for hire; accepted methods of  
39 payment for passenger fares.—

40           (1) As used in this section, the term "payment card" means  
41 a credit card, charge card, debit card, or any other card that



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42 is issued to an authorized card user and that allows the user to  
43 obtain, purchase, or receive goods, services, money, or anything  
44 else of value from a merchant.

45 (2) A municipality may not prohibit the payment of  
46 passenger fares for a taxicab, limousine, jitney, or other  
47 passenger vehicle for hire by cash, check, or similar method of  
48 payment.

49 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

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

52 And the title is amended as follows:

53 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
54 and insert:

55 A bill to be entitled  
56 An act relating to passenger vehicles for hire;  
57 amending s. 125.01, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
58 changes made by the act; creating ss. 125.01035 and  
59 166.0433, F.S.; defining the term "payment card" for  
60 purposes of the act; prohibiting counties and  
61 municipalities from imposing certain restrictions on  
62 the accepted methods of payment of passenger fares for  
63 certain passenger vehicles for hire; prohibiting  
64 counties and municipalities from requiring the payment  
65 of passenger fares for such passenger vehicles for  
66 hire through use of a payment card; providing an  
67 effective date.