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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to law enforcement vehicles; amending
3 s. 338.155, F.S.; exempting a law enforcement officer
4 operating an unmarked vehicle while on official law
5 enforcement business from paying the toll at a toll
6 facility; 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. Subsection (1) of section 338.155, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 338.155 Payment of toll on toll facilities required;
13 exemptions.—

14 (1) A person who uses ~~No persons are permitted to use~~ any
15 toll facility must pay the toll ~~without payment of tolls~~, except
16 employees of the agency operating the toll project when using
17 the toll facility on official state business, state military
18 personnel while on official military business, handicapped
19 persons as provided in this section, persons exempt from toll
20 payment by the authorizing resolution for bonds issued to
21 finance the facility, and persons exempt on a temporary basis
22 where use of such toll facility is required as a detour route.
23 Any law enforcement officer operating a marked or unmarked
24 official vehicle is exempt from toll payment when on official
25 law enforcement business. Any person operating a fire vehicle
26 when on official business or a rescue vehicle when on official
27 business is exempt from toll payment. Any person participating
28 in the funeral procession of a law enforcement officer or
29 firefighter killed in the line of duty is exempt from toll

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30 payment. The secretary, or the secretary's designee, may suspend
31 the payment of tolls on a toll facility when necessary to assist
32 in emergency evacuation. The failure to pay a prescribed toll
33 constitutes a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a
34 moving violation pursuant to s. 318.18. The department may ~~is~~
35 ~~authorized to~~ adopt rules relating to the payment, collection,
36 and enforcement of tolls, as authorized in chapters 316, 318,
37 320, 322, and 338, including, but not limited to, rules for the
38 implementation of video or other image billing and variable
39 pricing.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.