By Senator Simpson

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Commercial Motor Vehicle Review Board; transferring the board from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 316.545, F.S.; revising membership of the board; requiring appointment of additional members; providing qualifications for such members; directing the Governor to make appointments to the board by a certain date; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. Effective October 1, 2014, the powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, pending issues, existing contracts, administrative authority, pending review proceedings, administrative rules, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Review Board within the Department of Transportation are transferred by a type two transfer as defined in s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Section 2. Effective October 1, 2014, subsection (7) 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.—

(7) There is created within the <u>Department of Agriculture</u> and <u>Consumer Services</u> <del>Department of Transportation</del> the Commercial Motor Vehicle Review Board, consisting of two three

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permanent members who shall be the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, the executive director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and the Commissioner of Agriculture and the executive director of the Department of Law Enforcement, or their authorized representatives, and three members appointed by the Governor. The board which may review any penalty imposed upon any vehicle or person under the provisions of this chapter relating to weights imposed on the highways by the axles and wheels of motor vehicles, to special fuel and motor fuel tax compliance, or to violations of safety regulations. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Department of Transportation shall provide the board with such assistance, information, and documents as requested by the board to enable the board to fulfill its duties and responsibilities.

- (a) The <u>Commissioner of Agriculture</u> <del>Secretary of the Department of Transportation</del> or his or her authorized representative shall be the chair of the review board.
- (b) Members of the board appointed by the Governor shall each serve a 4-year term. Each appointed member must be a registered voter and a citizen of this state and must possess business experience in the private sector. There must be one appointed member each from the agriculture industry, the trucking industry, and the road construction industry Each permanent member of the review board may designate one additional person to be a member of the review board.
- (c) Members of the board shall serve without compensation; however, appointed members are entitled to per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061 The review board may execute its

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responsibilities by meeting as a single group or as subgroups consisting of one authorized representative of each permanent member.

- (d) The chair of the review board is responsible for the administrative functions of the review board.
- (e) The review board may hold sessions and conduct proceedings at any place within the state.

Section 3. The appointments by the Governor to the Commercial Motor Vehicle Review Board, in accordance with the changes made by this act to s. 316.545, Florida Statutes, shall be made no later than September 1, 2014, for terms beginning on October 1, 2014.

Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2014.