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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to transportation; creating s.
3 338.162, F.S.; requiring toll agencies to adopt a
4 policy regarding removal of directors under certain
5 circumstances; requiring toll agencies to post meeting
6 recordings on the Internet within a specified time and
7 in a format suitable for the user's browser; requiring
8 toll agencies to provide an accounting of
9 disbursements of penalty amounts; providing
10 applicability; creating s. 338.168, F.S.; directing
11 the Florida Transportation Commission to conduct a
12 study of the potential for express toll lanes to
13 display estimated travel times; directing the
14 Department of Transportation to pay expenses of
15 necessary experts; requiring a report to the Governor
16 and the Legislature; providing requirements for
17 certain toll collection systems; providing an
18 effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Section 338.162, Florida Statutes, is created to
23 read:

24 338.162 Toll agencies and facilities.—Notwithstanding any
25 other provision of law:

26 (1) Each toll agency shall adopt a policy for removal of
27 directors due to ethical violations or lack of attendance and
28 post comprehensive information about the policy on its website.

29 (2) Each toll agency shall post board meeting and board
30 committee meeting video and audio files on its website within 30
31 days after the meeting is held. Such files shall be in a format
32 that can be viewed or listened to within the user's Internet

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33 browser.

34 (3) When a toll payer is assessed a penalty, the toll
35 agency shall provide an accounting of how the penalties are
36 disbursed.

37 (4) This section applies to the transportation and
38 expressway authorities of the state, counties, and
39 municipalities.

40 Section 2. Section 338.168, Florida Statutes, is created to
41 read:

42 338.168 Toll facilities and collection systems.-

43 (1) The Florida Transportation Commission shall conduct a
44 study of the potential for express toll lanes operated by the
45 department or any transportation or expressway authority of the
46 state, counties, or municipalities to display estimated travel
47 times in addition to toll rates. The commission may retain such
48 experts as are reasonably necessary to complete the study, and
49 the department shall pay the expenses of such experts. The
50 commission shall complete the study and provide a written report
51 of its findings and conclusions to the Governor, the President
52 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
53 the chairs of each of the appropriations committees of the
54 Legislature by October 31, 2016.

55 (2) An electronic toll collection system shall provide
56 enrollees a minimum of 18 months of information in a simple
57 search on its website, including, at a minimum, monthly and
58 annual totals.

59 (3) Electronic toll collection system paper invoices and
60 online statements shall disclose any applicable processing fees,
61 each expressed as a percentage and as a total dollar amount.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.