

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  
 23           to 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  
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  
41 to 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

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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.

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