

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to express lanes; amending s. 338.166,  
3           F.S.; requiring the Department of Transportation to  
4           ensure reasonable and practicably feasible entry and  
5           exit points on its express lanes and to undertake  
6           efforts to expand reasonable and practicably feasible  
7           entry and exit points for certain purposes;  
8           prohibiting a toll from being charged on express lanes  
9           under certain circumstances; amending s. 338.2216,  
10          F.S.; requiring the Florida Turnpike Enterprise to  
11          ensure reasonable and practicably feasible entry and  
12          exit points on its express lanes and to undertake  
13          efforts to expand reasonable and practicably feasible  
14          entry and exit points for certain purposes; requiring  
15          a toll charged to be the same for the use of express  
16          and general toll lanes under certain circumstances;  
17          providing an effective date.

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

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21           Section 1. Present subsections (5) and (6) of section  
22   338.166, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) and  
23   (7), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to that  
24   section, to read:

25           338.166 High-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes.—

26           (5) The department shall ensure reasonable and practicably  
 27 feasible entry and exit points on its express lanes and shall  
 28 undertake efforts to expand reasonable and practicably feasible  
 29 entry and exit points to increase accessibility and ease of  
 30 entry and exit to and from its express lanes. If the maintained  
 31 average speed of vehicles traveling in an express lane is  
 32 equivalent to or less than that of vehicles traveling in  
 33 adjacent general use lanes, no toll shall be charged.

34           Section 2. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (1) of  
 35 section 338.2216, Florida Statutes, to read:

36           338.2216 Florida Turnpike Enterprise; powers and  
 37 authority.—

38           (1)

39           (e) The Florida Turnpike Enterprise shall ensure  
 40 reasonable and practicably feasible entry and exit points on its  
 41 express lanes and shall undertake efforts to expand reasonable  
 42 and practicably feasible entry and exit points to increase  
 43 accessibility and ease of entry and exit to and from its express  
 44 lanes. If the maintained average speed of vehicles traveling in  
 45 an express lane is equivalent to or less than that of vehicles  
 46 traveling in adjacent general toll lanes, the toll charged must  
 47 be the same for all such lanes.

48           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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