

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Garcia

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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; providing for measurement  
10      of the average speed of vehicles; amending s.  
11      338.2216, F.S.; requiring the Florida Turnpike  
12      Enterprise to ensure reasonable and practicably  
13      feasible entry and exit points on its express lanes  
14      and to undertake efforts to expand reasonable and  
15      practicably feasible entry and exit points for certain  
16      purposes; requiring a toll charged to be the same for  
17      the use of express and general toll lanes under  
18      certain circumstances; providing for measurement of  
19      the average speed of vehicles; providing an effective  
20      date.

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

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24       Section 1. Present subsections (5) and (6) of section  
25      338.166, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) and  
26      (7), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to that  
27      section, to read:

28       338.166 High-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes.—  
29       (5) The department shall ensure reasonable and practicably

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30 feasible entry and exit points on its express lanes and shall  
31 undertake efforts to expand reasonable and practicably feasible  
32 entry and exit points to increase accessibility and ease of  
33 entry and exit to and from its express lanes while meeting  
34 operational performance goals. If the maintained average speed  
35 of vehicles traveling in an express lane is equivalent to or  
36 less than that of vehicles traveling in adjacent general-use  
37 lanes, no toll shall be charged. The average speed of vehicles  
38 shall be measured at the middle point between an entry point and  
39 an exit point.

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

42 338.2216 Florida Turnpike Enterprise; powers and  
43 authority.—

44 (1)

45 (e) The Florida Turnpike Enterprise shall ensure reasonable  
46 and practicably feasible entry and exit points on its express  
47 lanes and shall undertake efforts to expand reasonable and  
48 practicably feasible entry and exit points to increase  
49 accessibility and ease of entry and exit to and from its express  
50 lanes while meeting operational performance goals. If the  
51 maintained average speed of vehicles traveling in an express  
52 lane is equivalent to or less than that of vehicles traveling in  
53 adjacent general toll lanes, the toll charged for the express  
54 lane must be the same as the toll for the general toll lanes.  
55 The average speed of vehicles shall be measured at the middle  
56 point between an entry point and an exit point.

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