LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 02/14/2018 House

Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Brandes) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

(1) As used in this section, the term:

Between lines 82 and 83

insert:

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Section 1. Section 319.141, Florida Statutes, is amended to

319.141 Pilot rebuilt motor vehicle inspection program.-

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10 11 (a) "Facility" means a rebuilt motor vehicle inspectionfacility authorized and operating under this section.

(b) "Rebuilt inspection services" means an examination of a 12 13 rebuilt vehicle and a properly endorsed certificate of title, salvage certificate of title, or manufacturer's statement of 14 15 origin and an application for a rebuilt certificate of title, a rebuilder's affidavit, a photograph of the junk or salvage 16 17 vehicle taken before repairs began, a photograph of the interior driver and passenger sides of the vehicle if airbags were 18 19 previously deployed and replaced, receipts or invoices for all major component parts, as defined in s. 319.30, and repairs 20 21 which were changed, and proof that notice of rebuilding of the 22 vehicle has been reported to the National Motor Vehicle Title 23 Information System.

(2) By July 1, 2015, The department shall oversee a pilot
program in Miami-Dade County to evaluate alternatives for
rebuilt inspection services offered by existing private sector
operators, including the continued use of private facilities,
the cost impact to consumers, and the potential savings to the
department.

30 (3) The department shall establish a memorandum of 31 understanding that allows private parties participating in the 32 pilot program to conduct rebuilt motor vehicle inspections and 33 specifies requirements for oversight, bonding and insurance, 34 procedures, and forms and requires the electronic transmission 35 of documents.

36 (4) Before an applicant is approved <u>or renewed</u>, the
37 department shall ensure that the applicant meets basic criteria
38 designed to protect the public. At a minimum, the applicant

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39 shall meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Have and maintain a surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$100,000 executed by the applicant.

42 (b) Secure and maintain a facility at a permanent fixed 43 structure which has at an address identified by a county-issued 44 tax folio number and recognized by the United States Postal Service where the only services provided on such property are 45 rebuilt inspection services. The operator of a facility shall 46 47 annually attest that:

1. He or she is not employed by or does not have an 49 ownership interest in or other financial arrangement with the 50 owner, operator, manager, or employee of a motor vehicle repair shop as defined in s. 559.903, a motor vehicle dealer as defined in s. 320.27(1)(c), a towing company, a vehicle storage company, a vehicle auction, an insurance company, a salvage yard, a metal 53 retailer, or a metal rebuilder, from which he or she receives 55 remuneration, directly or indirectly, for the referral of 56 customers for rebuilt inspection services;

2. There have been no changes to the ownership structure of the approved facility; and

3. The only services being provided by the operator of the facility at the property are rebuilt vehicle inspection services approved by the department.

(c) Have and maintain garage liability and other insurance required by the department.

(d) Have completed criminal background checks of the owners, partners, and corporate officers and the inspectors employed by the facility.

(e) Have a designated office and customer waiting area that

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| 68 | is separate from and not within view of the vehicle inspection          |
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| 69 | area. The vehicle inspection area must be capable of                    |
| 70 | accommodating all vehicle types and must be equipped with               |
| 71 | cameras allowing the department to view and monitor every               |
| 72 | inspection.   |
| 73 | <u>(f)</u> Meet any additional criteria the department                  |
| 74 | determines necessary to conduct proper inspections.                     |
| 75 | (5) A participant in the program shall access vehicle and               |
| 76 | title information and enter inspection results through an               |
| 77 | electronic filing system authorized by the department and shall         |
| 78 | maintain records of each rebuilt vehicle inspection processed at        |
| 79 | such facility for at least 5 years.                                     |
| 80 | (6) A participant in the program may not conduct an                     |
| 81 | inspection of a vehicle rebuilt before its purchase by the              |
| 82 | current applicant. Such vehicles must be inspected by the               |
| 83 | department.   |
| 84 | (7) Any applicant for a rebuilt title that fails an initial             |
| 85 | rebuilt inspection may have that vehicle reinspected only by the        |
| 86 | department or the facility that conducted the original                  |
| 87 | inspection.   |
| 88 | (8) Any person or business authorized by the department to              |
| 89 | train, certify, or recertify operators and inspectors of private        |
| 90 | rebuilt motor vehicle inspection facilities may not certify or          |
| 91 | recertify themselves or any of their employees.                         |
| 92 | <u>(9)</u> The department shall <u>conduct an onsite facility</u>       |
| 93 | inspection at least twice a year and shall immediately terminate        |
| 94 | any operator from the program who fails to meet the minimum             |
| 95 | eligibility requirements specified in subsection (4). Before <u>any</u> |
| 96 | a change in ownership or transfer of a rebuilt inspection               |
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| 97  | facility, the current operator must give the department 45 days'         |
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| 98  | written notice of the intended sale <u>or transfer</u> . The prospective |
| 99  | owner or transferee must meet the eligibility requirements of            |
| 100 | this section and execute a new memorandum of understanding with          |
| 101 | the department before operating the facility.                            |
| 102 | (10)(7) This section is repealed on July 1, $2020$ $2018$ ,              |
| 103 | unless saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.         |
| 104 | On or before January 1, 2019, the department shall submit a              |
| 105 | written report to the Governor and Cabinet evaluating the                |
| 106 | current program and the benefits to the consumer and the                 |
| 107 | department.  |
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| 109 | ========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ================================= |
| 110 | And the title is amended as follows:                                     |
| 111 | Delete line 2  |
| 112 | and insert:  |
| 113 | An act relating to transportation; amending s.                           |
| 114 | 319.141, F.S.; redefining the term "rebuilt inspection                   |
| 115 | services"; deleting obsolete language; requiring the                     |
| 116 | Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to                       |
| 117 | ensure that an applicant of the pilot rebuilt motor                      |
| 118 | vehicle inspection program meets basic criteria                          |
| 119 | designed to protect the public before the applicant is                   |
| 120 | renewed; revising requirements for the applicant;                        |
| 121 | requiring the operator of a facility to annually make                    |
| 122 | certain attestations; prohibiting a program                              |
| 123 | participant from conducting an inspection of a vehicle                   |
| 124 | rebuilt before its purchase by the current applicant;                    |
| 125 | requiring that such vehicles be inspected by the                         |
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126 department; requiring any applicant that fails an 127 initial rebuilt inspection to have that vehicle 128 reinspected only by the department or the facility 129 that conducted the original inspection; prohibiting 130 any person or business authorized by the department to 131 train, certify, or recertify operators and inspectors 132 of private rebuilt motor vehicle inspection facilities 133 from certifying or recertifying themselves or any of 1.34 their employees; requiring the department to conduct 135 an onsite facility inspection at least twice a year; 136 requiring a current operator to give the department 137 certain notice of a transfer before any transfer of a 138 rebuilt inspection facility; requiring a transferee to 139 meet certain eligibility requirements and execute a 140 new memorandum of understanding with the department 141 before operating the facility; extending the date for 142 future repeal of this section; requiring the 143 department to submit a certain written report to the 144 Governor and Cabinet, on or before a specified date; 145 amending