1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to motor vehicle insurance; providing 3 a short title; amending s. 316.646, F.S.; revising 4 security requirements for a motor vehicle owner or 5 operator; amending s. 324.011, F.S.; revising 6 legislative intent and purpose; creating s. 324.015, 7 F.S.; excluding personal injury protection from motor 8 vehicle insurance policies issued or renewed on or 9 after a specified date; providing conditions for 10 policies entered into by a specified date; requiring 11 an insurer to permit an insured to change coverages 12 under specified circumstances; providing notice requirements; providing that notice is subject to 13 14 approval by the Office of Insurance Regulation; providing applicability of the Florida Motor Vehicle 15 No-Fault Law for accidents that occur before a 16 17 specified date; amending s. 324.021, F.S.; revising the definition of the terms "motor vehicle" and "proof 18 19 of financial responsibility" to exclude an exemption relating to owner compliance and to increase the 20 21 minimum amount of motor vehicle liability coverage 22 required by insureds, respectively; conforming a 23 cross-reference; amending s. 324.022, F.S.; revising 24 financial responsibility requirements for owners and 25 operators of motor vehicles; conforming a cross-

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26 reference; amending s. 324.0221, F.S.; conforming 27 provisions to changes made by the act; conforming 28 cross-references; providing certain conditions for the 29 suspension of a motor vehicle license or registration; 30 amending s. 324.151, F.S.; providing definitions; revising provisions relating to certain motor vehicle 31 32 liability policies; amending s. 324.161, F.S.; 33 revising deposit requirements for self-insurers; amending s. 324.171, F.S.; revising conditions under 34 35 which a person is able to obtain a certificate of 36 self-insurance; conforming provisions to changes made 37 by the act; amending s. 324.251, F.S.; revising a short title; amending ss. 626.9541 and 627.06501, 38 39 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming cross-references; amending s. 627.727, 40 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the 41 42 act; revising legal liability of an uninsured motorist 43 coverage insurer; repealing ss. 627.730, 627.731, 627.7311, 627.732, 627.733, 627.734, 627.736, 627.737, 44 627.739, 627.7401, 627.7403, and 627.7405, F.S., 45 relating to Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; 46 47 repealing s. 627.7407, F.S., relating to the 48 application of the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; amending ss. 318.18, 320.02, 320.0609, 320.27, 49 50 320.771, 322.251, 322.34, 324.032, 324.051, 324.091,

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400.9905, 400.991, 400.9935, 409.901, 409.910, 51 52 456.057, 456.072, 626.989, 627.0652, 627.0653, 53 627.4132, 627.7263, 627.7275, 627.728, 627.7295, 627.748, 627.8405, 627.915, 628.909, 705.184, 713.78, 54 and 817.234, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes 55 56 made by the act; providing effective dates. 57 58 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 59 60 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Responsible 61 Roadways Act." 62 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 316.646, Florida 63 Statutes, is amended to read: 64 316.646 Security required; proof of security and display 65 thereof.-66 (1) A Any person operating a motor vehicle for which 67 liability coverage is required under by s. 324.022, s. 324.023, 68 s. 324.032, s. 627.7415, or s. 627.742 must to maintain property damage liability security, required by s. 324.023 to maintain 69 70 liability security for bodily injury or death, or required by s. 71 627.733 to maintain personal injury protection security on a 72 motor vehicle shall have in his or her immediate possession at all times while operating such motor vehicle proper proof of 73 74 maintenance of the required security. 75 (a) Such proof shall be in a uniform paper or electronic Page 3 of 93

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76 format, as prescribed by the department, a valid insurance 77 policy, an insurance policy binder, a certificate of insurance, 78 or such other proof as may be prescribed by the department. 79 The act of presenting to a law enforcement officer (b)1. 80 an electronic device displaying proof of insurance in an electronic format does not constitute consent for the officer to 81 82 access any information on the device other than the displayed 83 proof of insurance. 2. The person who presents the device to the officer 84 85 assumes the liability for any resulting damage to the device. Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 86 87 318.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 318.18 Amount of penalties.-The penalties required for a 88 89 noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows: 90 Thirty dollars for all nonmoving traffic violations 91 (2)and: 92 93 For all violations of ss. 320.0605, 320.07(1), (b) 94 322.065, and 322.15(1). Any person who is cited for a violation 95 of s. 320.07(1) shall be charged a delinquent fee pursuant to s. 96 320.07(4). If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 320.0605 97 1. or s. 320.07 can show proof of having a valid registration at 98 the time of arrest, the clerk of the court may dismiss the case 99 100 and may assess a dismissal fee of up to \$10. A person who finds Page 4 of 93

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101 it impossible or impractical to obtain a valid registration 102 certificate must submit an affidavit detailing the reasons for 103 the impossibility or impracticality. The reasons may include, 104 but are not limited to, the fact that the vehicle was sold, 105 stolen, or destroyed; that the state in which the vehicle is 106 registered does not issue a certificate of registration; or that 107 the vehicle is owned by another person.

2. If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 322.03, s. 322.065, or s. 322.15 can show a driver license issued to him or her and valid at the time of arrest, the clerk of the court may dismiss the case and may assess a dismissal fee of up to \$10.

113 3. If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 316.646 114 can show proof of security as required by s. 324.022, s. 115 324.023, s. 324.032, s. 627.7415, or s. 627.742 627.733, issued to the person and valid at the time of arrest, the clerk of the 116 117 court may dismiss the case and may assess a dismissal fee of up 118 to \$10. A person who finds it impossible or impractical to 119 obtain proof of security must submit an affidavit detailing the 120 reasons for the impracticality. The reasons may include, but are 121 not limited to, the fact that the vehicle has since been sold, 122 stolen, or destroyed; that the owner or registrant of the 123 vehicle is not required by s. 627.733 to maintain personal 124 injury protection insurance; or that the vehicle is owned by 125 another person.

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126 Section 4. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (5) of 127 section 320.02, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 128 320.02 Registration required; application for 129 registration; forms.-130 (5) (a) Proof that liability coverage has personal injury 131 protection benefits have been purchased if required under s. 132 324.022, s. 324.023, s. 324.032, s. 627.7415, or s. 627.742 133 627.733, that property damage liability coverage has been purchased as required under s. 324.022, that bodily injury or 134 135 death coverage has been purchased if required under s. 324.023, 136 and that combined bodily liability insurance and property damage 137 liability insurance have been purchased if required under s. 138 627.7415 shall be provided in the manner prescribed by law by 139 the applicant at the time of application for registration of any 140 motor vehicle that is subject to such requirements. The issuing agent shall not shall refuse to issue registration if such proof 141 142 of purchase is not provided. Insurers shall furnish uniform 143 proof-of-purchase cards in a paper or electronic format in a 144 form prescribed by the department and include the name of the 145 insured's insurance company, the coverage identification number, 146 and the make, year, and vehicle identification number of the 147 vehicle insured. The card must contain a statement notifying the applicant of the penalty specified under s. 316.646(4). The card 148 or insurance policy, insurance policy binder, or certificate of 149 150 insurance or a photocopy of any of these; an affidavit

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151 containing the name of the insured's insurance company, the 152 insured's policy number, and the make and year of the vehicle 153 insured; or such other proof as may be prescribed by the 154 department shall constitute sufficient proof of purchase. If an 155 affidavit is provided as proof, it must be in substantially the 156 following form: 157 158 Under penalty of perjury, I ... (Name of insured) ... do hereby 159 certify that I have Bodily Injury Liability and ... (Personal 160 Injury Protection, Property Damage Liability coverage, and, if 161 required, Bodily Injury Liability)... Insurance currently in 162 effect with ... (Name of insurance company) ... under ... (policy 163 number)... covering ... (make, year, and vehicle identification 164 number of vehicle) (Signature of Insured) ... 165 166 Such affidavit must include the following warning: 167 WARNING: GIVING FALSE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A VEHICLE 168 169 REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE UNDER FLORIDA 170 LAW. ANYONE GIVING FALSE INFORMATION ON THIS AFFIDAVIT IS 171 SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION. 172 If an application is made through a licensed motor vehicle 173 174 dealer as required under s. 319.23, the original or a 175 photostatic copy of such card, insurance policy, insurance

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176 policy binder, or certificate of insurance or the original 177 affidavit from the insured shall be forwarded by the dealer to 178 the tax collector of the county or the Department of Highway 179 Safety and Motor Vehicles for processing. By executing the 180 aforesaid affidavit, a no licensed motor vehicle dealer will not 181 be liable in damages for any inadequacy, insufficiency, or 182 falsification of any statement contained therein. A card must 183 also indicate the existence of any bodily injury liability 184 insurance voluntarily purchased.

185 (d) The verifying of proof of compliance with the 186 liability coverage requirements of the personal injury 187 protection insurance, proof of property damage liability insurance, proof of combined bodily liability insurance and 188 189 property damage liability insurance, or proof of financial responsibility law insurance and the issuance or failure to 190 191 issue the motor vehicle registration under the provisions of 192 this chapter may not be construed in any court as a warranty of 193 the reliability or accuracy of the evidence of such proof, or 194 that the provisions of any insurance policy furnished as proof 195 of compliance with the liability coverage requirements of the 196 financial responsibility law comply with the laws of this state. 197 Neither the department nor any tax collector is liable in damages for any inadequacy, insufficiency, falsification, or 198 unauthorized modification of any item of the proof of compliance 199 with the liability coverage requirements of the personal injury 200

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201 protection insurance, proof of property damage liability 202 insurance, proof of combined bodily liability insurance and 203 property damage liability insurance, or proof of financial 204 responsibility law insurance prior to, during, or subsequent to 205 the verification of the proof. The issuance of a motor vehicle 206 registration does not constitute prima facie evidence or a 207 presumption of insurance coverage. 208 Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 320.0609, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 209 210 320.0609 Transfer and exchange of registration license plates; transfer fee.-211 212 (1)213 The transfer of a license plate from a vehicle (b) 214 disposed of to a newly acquired vehicle does not constitute a 215 new registration. The application for transfer shall be accepted 216 without requiring proof of motor vehicle personal injury 217 protection or liability insurance. Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 320.27, Florida 218 219 Statutes, is amended to read: 220 320.27 Motor vehicle dealers.-221 APPLICATION AND FEE. - The application for the license (3) 222 application shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the department and is shall be subject to such rules with respect 223 224 thereto as may be so prescribed by the department it. Such application shall be verified by oath or affirmation and must 225 Page 9 of 93

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226 shall contain a full statement of the name and birth date of the 227 person or persons applying for the license therefor; the name of 228 the firm or copartnership, with the names and places of 229 residence of all members thereof, if such applicant is a firm or 230 copartnership; the names and places of residence of the 231 principal officers, if the applicant is a body corporate or 232 other artificial body; the name of the state under whose laws 233 the corporation is organized; the present and former place or places of residence of the applicant; and the prior business in 234 235 which the applicant has been engaged and its the location 236 thereof. The Such application must shall describe the exact 237 location of the place of business and must shall state whether 238 the place of business is owned by the applicant and when 239 acquired, or, if leased, a true copy of the lease shall be 240 attached to the application. The applicant shall certify that the location provides an adequately equipped office and is not a 241 242 residence; that the location affords sufficient unoccupied space 243 upon and within which adequately to store all motor vehicles 244 offered and displayed for sale; and that the location is a 245 suitable place where the applicant can in good faith carry on 246 such business and keep and maintain books, records, and files necessary to conduct such business, which shall be available at 247 248 all reasonable hours to inspection by the department or any of its inspectors or other employees. The applicant shall certify 249 250 that the business of a motor vehicle dealer is the principal

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251 business that will which shall be conducted at that location. 252 The application must shall contain a statement that the 253 applicant is either franchised by a manufacturer of motor 254 vehicles, in which case the name of each motor vehicle that the 255 applicant is franchised to sell shall be included, or an 256 independent (nonfranchised) motor vehicle dealer. The 257 application must shall contain other relevant information as may 258 be required by the department., including The applicant must 259 furnish evidence, in a form approved by the department, that the applicant is insured under a garage liability insurance policy 260 261 or a general liability insurance policy coupled with a business 262 automobile policy, which shall include, at a minimum, \$25,000 263 combined single-limit bodily injury and property damage 264 liability coverage including bodily injury and property damage protection and \$10,000 personal injury protection. However, a 265 266 salvage motor vehicle dealer as defined in subparagraph (1)(c)5. 267 is exempt from the requirements for garage liability insurance 268 and personal injury protection insurance on those vehicles that 269 cannot be legally operated on roads, highways, or streets in 270 this state. Franchise dealers must submit a garage liability 271 insurance policy, and all other dealers must submit a garage 272 liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy coupled with a business automobile policy. Such policy 273 shall be for the license period, and evidence of a new or 274 275 continued policy shall be delivered to the department at the

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276 beginning of each license period. Upon making initial 277 application, the applicant shall pay to the department a fee of 278 \$300 in addition to any other fees required by law. Applicants 279 may choose to extend the licensure period for 1 additional year 280 for a total of 2 years. An initial applicant shall pay to the 281 department a fee of \$300 for the first year and \$75 for the 282 second year, in addition to any other fees required by law. An 283 applicant for renewal shall pay to the department \$75 for a 1year renewal or \$150 for a 2-year renewal, in addition to any 284 other fees required by law. Upon making an application for a 285 286 change of location, the applicant must person shall pay a fee of 287 \$50 in addition to any other fees now required by law. The 288 department shall, in the case of every application for initial 289 licensure, verify whether certain facts set forth in the 290 application are true. Each applicant, general partner in the 291 case of a partnership, or corporate officer and director in the 292 case of a corporate applicant, must file a set of fingerprints 293 with the department for the purpose of determining any prior 294 criminal record or any outstanding warrants. The department 295 shall submit the fingerprints to the Department of Law 296 Enforcement for state processing and forwarding to the Federal 297 Bureau of Investigation for federal processing. The actual cost of state and federal processing shall be borne by the applicant 298 299 and is in addition to the fee for licensure. The department may 300 issue a license to an applicant pending the results of the

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301 fingerprint investigation, which license is fully revocable if 302 the department subsequently determines that any facts set forth 303 in the application are not true or correctly represented.

304 Section 7. Paragraph (j) of subsection (3) of section 305 320.771, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

306 320.771 License required of recreational vehicle dealers.307 (3) APPLICATION.—The application for such license shall be
308 in the form prescribed by the department and subject to such
309 rules as may be prescribed by it. The application shall be
310 verified by oath or affirmation and shall contain:

(j) A statement that the applicant is insured under a garage liability insurance policy, which shall include, at a minimum, \$25,000 combined single-limit <u>bodily injury and</u> <u>property damage</u> liability coverage, <u>including bodily injury and</u> <u>property damage protection, and \$10,000 personal injury</u> <u>protection,</u> if the applicant is to be licensed as a dealer in, or intends to sell, recreational vehicles.

319 The department shall, if it deems necessary, cause an 320 investigation to be made to ascertain if the facts set forth in 321 the application are true and shall not issue a license to the 322 applicant until it is satisfied that the facts set forth in the 323 application are true.

324 Section 8. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 322.251, 325 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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326 322.251 Notice of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or 327 disqualification of license.-

328 (1)All orders of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or 329 disqualification issued under the provisions of this chapter, 330 chapter 318 or, chapter 324, or ss. 627.732-627.734 shall be 331 given either by personal delivery thereof to the licensee whose 332 license is being canceled, suspended, revoked, or disqualified 333 or by deposit in the United States mail in an envelope, first 334 class, postage prepaid, addressed to the licensee at his or her last known mailing address furnished to the department. Such 335 336 mailing by the department constitutes notification, and any 337 failure by the person to receive the mailed order will not 338 affect or stay the effective date or term of the cancellation, 339 suspension, revocation, or disqualification of the licensee's 340 driving privilege.

The giving of notice and an order of cancellation, 341 (2)342 suspension, revocation, or disqualification by mail is complete 343 upon expiration of 20 days after deposit in the United States 344 mail for all notices except those issued under chapter 324 or 345 ss. 627.732-627.734, which are complete 15 days after deposit in 346 the United States mail. Proof of the giving of notice and an 347 order of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or disqualification in either manner shall be made by entry in the 348 records of the department that such notice was given. The entry 349 is admissible in the courts of this state and constitutes 350

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351 sufficient proof that such notice was given.

352 Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section 353 322.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

354 322.34 Driving while license suspended, revoked, canceled, 355 or disqualified.-

(8) (a) Upon the arrest of a person for the offense of driving while the person's driver license or driving privilege is suspended or revoked, the arresting officer shall determine:

359 1. Whether the person's driver license is suspended or360 revoked.

361 2. Whether the person's driver license has remained
362 suspended or revoked since a conviction for the offense of
363 driving with a suspended or revoked license.

364 3. Whether the suspension or revocation was made under s. 365 316.646 or s. 627.733, relating to failure to maintain required 366 security, or under s. 322.264, relating to habitual traffic 367 offenders.

368 4. Whether the driver is the registered owner or coowner369 of the vehicle.

370 Section 10. Section 324.011, Florida Statutes, is amended 371 to read:

372 324.011 <u>Legislative intent and purpose of chapter</u>.-It is 373 the intent of <u>the Legislature</u> this chapter to <u>ensure that the</u> 374 <u>privilege of owning or operating a motor vehicle in this state</u> 375 be exercised recognize the existing privilege to own or operate

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376 a motor vehicle on the public streets and highways of this state 377 when such vehicles are used with due consideration for others 378 and their property in order, and to promote safety and provide 379 financial security requirements for such owners and or operators 380 whose responsibility it is to recompense others for injury to 381 person or property caused by the operation of a motor vehicle. 382 Therefore, this chapter requires it is required herein that owners and operators of motor vehicles, except in specified 383 circumstances, establish, maintain, the operator of a motor 384 385 vehicle involved in a crash or convicted of certain traffic offenses meeting the operative provisions of s. 324.051(2) shall 386 387 respond for such damages and show proof of financial ability to 388 respond for damages arising out of the ownership, maintenance, 389 or use of a motor vehicle in future accidents as a requisite to 390 his or her ownership or operation of a motor vehicle in this 391 state future exercise of such privileges. 392 Section 11. Effective upon this act becoming law, section 393 324.015, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 394 324.015 Applicability; notice to insured.-395 (1) Effective January 1, 2019: 396 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, motor (a) 397 vehicle liability policies issued or renewed on or after January 398 1, 2019, may not include personal injury protection. (b) A person subject to s. 324.022, must maintain proof of 399 financial responsibility. 400

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401	(c) A new or renewal motor vehicle liability policy
402	delivered or issued for delivery in this state must provide
403	coverage that complies with proof of financial responsibility.
404	(d) An existing motor vehicle liability policy issued
405	before January 1, 2019, that provides personal injury protection
406	and property damage liability coverage and meets the financial
407	responsibility requirements on December 31, 2018, but does not
408	meet the financial responsibility requirements on or after
409	January 1, 2019, is deemed to meet the financial responsibility
410	requirements under this chapter until such policy is renewed,
411	nonrenewed, or canceled.
412	(2) An insurer must allow an insured who has a new or
413	renewal policy providing personal injury protection, which
414	becomes effective before January 1, 2019, and whose policy does
415	not meet the financial responsibility requirements on or after
416	January 1, 2019, to change coverages to meet the financial
417	responsibility requirements that becomes effective on or after
418	January 1, 2019. The insurer is not required to provide coverage
419	complying with financial responsibility requirements in such
420	policies if the insured does not pay the required premium by
421	January 1, 2019, or such later date as the insurer may allow.
422	The insurer must refund any reduction in the premium. The
423	insurer may not impose an additional fee or charge on the
424	insured for such changes in coverage; however, the insurer may
425	charge an additional premium that is actuarially indicated.

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426 By September 1, 2018, a motor vehicle insurer must (3) 427 provide each insured a notice of the provisions of this section. 428 The notice is subject to approval by the Office of Insurance 429 Regulation and must clearly inform the insured that: 430 The Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law is repealed, (a) 431 effective January 1, 2019, and that on or after that date, the 432 insured is no longer required to maintain personal injury 433 protection coverage, that personal injury protection coverage is 434 no longer available for purchase in this state, and that all new 435 or renewal policies issued on or after that date may not contain 436 such coverage. 437 (b) Effective January 1, 2019, a person subject to s. 438 324.022 must maintain financial responsibility requirements that 439 enable the person to respond in damages for liability on account 440 of accidents arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use 441 of a motor vehicle in the following amounts: 442 1. Twenty-five thousand dollars for bodily injury to, or 443 the death of, one person in any one accident and, subject to 444 such limits for one person, in the amount of \$50,000 for bodily 445 injury to, or the death of, two or more persons in any one 446 accident; and 447 2. Ten thousand dollars for damage to, or destruction of, 448 property of others in any one accident. 449 (c) Personal injury protection coverage pays covered 450 medical expenses for injuries sustained in a motor vehicle

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451	accident by the insured, passengers, and relatives residing in
452	the insured's household.
453	(d) Bodily injury liability coverage protects the insured,
454	up to the coverage limits, against loss if the insured is
455	legally responsible for the death of or bodily injury to others
456	in a motor vehicle accident.
457	(e) The insured may obtain underinsured motorist coverage,
458	which provides benefits, up to the limits of such coverage, to
459	an insured or other insured entitled to recover damages for
460	bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death resulting from a
461	motor vehicle accident with an uninsured or underinsured owner
462	or operator of a motor vehicle.
463	(f) If the insured's new or renewal motor vehicle
464	liability policy is effective before January 1, 2019, and
465	contains personal injury protection and property damage
466	liability coverage as required by state law before January 1,
467	2019, but does not meet the financial responsibility
468	requirements on or after January 1, 2019, the policy is deemed
469	to meet the financial responsibility requirements until it is
470	renewed, nonrenewed, or canceled.
471	(g) An insured whose new or renewal policy becomes
472	effective before January 1, 2019, but does not meet the
473	financial responsibility requirements on or after January 1,
474	2019, may change coverages under the policy so as to eliminate
475	personal injury protection and to obtain coverage meeting the
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477 liability coverage, which are effective on or after January 1, 478 2019. 479 If the insured has any questions, he or she should (h) 480 contact the name and phone number provided in the notice. (4) 481 The Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, ss. 627.730-482 627.7405, remains in full force and effect for motor vehicle 483 accidents that occur before January 1, 2019. 484 Section 12. Subsections (1) and (7) and paragraph (c) of 485 subsection (9) of section 324.021, Florida Statutes, are amended 486 to read: 487 324.021 Definitions; minimum insurance required.-The 488 following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall, for 489 the purpose of this chapter, have the meanings respectively 490 ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances 491 where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: 492 (1) MOTOR VEHICLE.-Every self-propelled vehicle that is 493 designed and required to be licensed for use upon a highway, 494 including trailers and semitrailers designed for use with such vehicles, except traction engines, road rollers, farm tractors, 495 power shovels, and well drillers, and every vehicle that is 496 497 propelled by electric power obtained from overhead wires but not operated upon rails, but not including any personal delivery 498 device as defined in s. 316.003, bicycle, or moped. However, the 499 500 term "motor vehicle" does not include a motor vehicle as defined

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501	in s. 627.732(3) when the owner of such vehicle has complied
502	with the requirements of ss. 627.730-627.7405, inclusive, unless
503	the provisions of s. 324.051 apply; and, in such case, the
504	applicable proof of insurance provisions of s. 320.02 apply.
505	(7) PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY <u>Proof</u> That proof of
506	ability to respond in damages for liability on account of
507	accidents crashes arising out of the use of a motor vehicle:
508	(a) In the amount of $\frac{25,000}{500}$ for $\frac{10,000}{500}$ because of bodily
509	injury to, or <u>the</u> death of, one person in any one <u>accident</u>
510	erash;
511	(b) Subject to such limits for one person, in the amount
512	of $\$50,000$ for $\$20,000$ because of bodily injury to, or the death
513	of, two or more persons in any one <u>accident</u> crash ;
514	(c) In the amount of \$10,000 <u>for damage</u> because of injury
515	to, or destruction of, <u>the</u> property of others in any one
516	accident crash; and
517	(d) For With respect to commercial motor vehicles and
518	nonpublic sector buses, in the amounts specified in ss. 627.7415
519	and 627.742, respectively.
520	(9) OWNER; OWNER/LESSOR
521	(c) Application
522	1. The limits on liability in subparagraphs (b)2. and 3.
523	do not apply to an owner of motor vehicles that are used for
524	commercial activity in the owner's ordinary course of business,
525	other than a rental company that rents or leases motor vehicles.
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For purposes of this paragraph, the term "rental company" 526 527 includes only an entity that is engaged in the business of 528 renting or leasing motor vehicles to the general public and that 529 rents or leases a majority of its motor vehicles to persons with 530 no direct or indirect affiliation with the rental company. The 531 term also includes a motor vehicle dealer that provides 532 temporary replacement vehicles to its customers for up to 10 533 days. The term "rental company" also includes:

a. A related rental or leasing company that is a
subsidiary of the same parent company as that of the renting or
leasing company that rented or leased the vehicle.

537 b. The holder of a motor vehicle title or an equity 538 interest in a motor vehicle title if the title or equity 539 interest is held pursuant to or to facilitate an asset-backed 540 securitization of a fleet of motor vehicles used solely in the 541 business of renting or leasing motor vehicles to the general 542 public and under the dominion and control of a rental company, 543 as described in this subparagraph, in the operation of such 544 rental company's business.

2. Furthermore, with respect to commercial motor vehicles as defined in s. 627.732, the limits on liability in subparagraphs (b)2. and 3. do not apply if, at the time of the incident, the commercial motor vehicle is being used in the transportation of materials found to be hazardous for the purposes of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Authorization

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551 Act of 1994, as amended, 49 U.S.C. ss. 5101 et seq., and that is 552 required pursuant to such act to carry placards warning others 553 of the hazardous cargo, unless at the time of lease or rental 554 either: 555 The lessee indicates in writing that the vehicle will a. 556 not be used to transport materials found to be hazardous for the 557 purposes of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Authorization 558 Act of 1994, as amended, 49 U.S.C. ss. 5101 et seq.; or 559 The lessee or other operator of the commercial motor b. vehicle has in effect insurance with limits of at least 560 561 \$5,000,000 combined property damage and bodily injury liability. 562 Section 13. Section 324.022, Florida Statutes, is amended 563 to read: 564 324.022 Financial responsibility requirements for property 565 damage.-566 (1) (a) Every owner or operator of a motor vehicle required 567 to be registered in this state and every operator of a motor 568 vehicle licensed in this state must shall establish and 569 continuously maintain the ability to respond in damages for 570 liability on account of accidents arising out of the ownership, 571 maintenance, or use of the motor vehicle in the amount of: 572 1. Twenty-five thousand dollars for bodily injury to, or the death of, one person in any one accident; 573 2. Subject to the limits for one person, \$50,000 for 574 575 bodily injury to, or the death of, two or more persons in any

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576	one accident; and \$10,000 because of
577	3. Ten thousand dollars for damage to, or destruction of,
578	property of others in any one <u>accident</u> crash .
579	<u>(b)</u> The requirements of <u>paragraph (a)</u> this section may be
580	met by one of the methods established in s. 324.031; by self-
581	insuring as authorized by s. 768.28(16); or by maintaining <u>a</u>
582	motor vehicle liability insurance an insurance policy providing
583	coverage for property damage liability in the amount of at least
584	\$10,000 because of damage to, or destruction of, property of
585	others in any one accident arising out of the use of the motor
586	vehicle. The requirements of this section may also be met by
587	having a policy which provides coverage in the amount of at
588	least $\frac{60,000}{30,000}$ for combined property damage liability and
589	bodily injury liability for any one <u>accident</u> crash arising out
590	of the use of the motor vehicle and which conforms to the
591	requirements of s. 324.151. The policy, with respect to coverage
592	for property damage liability, must meet the applicable
593	requirements of s. 324.151, subject to the usual policy
594	exclusions that have been approved in policy forms by the Office
595	of Insurance Regulation. No insurer shall have any duty to
596	defend uncovered claims irrespective of their joinder with
597	covered claims.
598	(2) As used in this section, the term:
599	(a) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle that
600	has four or more wheels and that is of a type designed and
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601 required to be licensed for use on the highways of this state, 602 and any trailer or semitrailer designed for use with such 603 vehicle. The term does not include:

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1. A mobile home.

605 2. A motor vehicle that is used in mass transit and 606 designed to transport more than five passengers, exclusive of 607 the operator of the motor vehicle, and that is owned by a 608 municipality, transit authority, or political subdivision of the 609 state.

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3. A school bus as defined in s. 1006.25.

611 4. A vehicle providing for-hire transportation that is
612 subject to the provisions of s. 324.031. A taxicab shall
613 maintain security as required under s. 324.032(1).

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5. A personal delivery device as defined in s. 316.003.

(b) "Owner" means the person who holds legal title to a motor vehicle or the debtor or lessee who has the right to possession of a motor vehicle that is the subject of a security agreement or lease with an option to purchase.

Each nonresident owner or registrant of a motor 619 (3) 620 vehicle that, whether operated or not, has been physically 621 present within this state for more than 90 days during the 622 preceding 365 days shall maintain security as required by subsection (1) that is in effect continuously throughout the 623 period the motor vehicle remains within this state. 624 625 (4) An The owner or registrant of a motor vehicle who is

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626 exempt from the requirements of this section if she or he is a 627 member of the United States Armed Forces and is called to or on 628 active duty outside the United States in an emergency situation 629 is exempt from this section while he or she. The exemption 630 provided by this subsection applies only as long as the member 631 of the Armed Forces is on such active duty outside the United 632 States and applies only while the vehicle is not operated by any 633 person. Upon receipt of a written request by the insured to whom the exemption provided in this subsection applies, the insurer 634 635 shall cancel the coverages and return any unearned premium or 636 suspend the security required by this section. Notwithstanding 637 s. $324.0221(2) = \frac{324.0221(3)}{5.324.0221(3)}$, the department may not suspend 638 the registration or operator's license of an any owner or 639 registrant of a motor vehicle during the time she or he 640 qualifies for an exemption under this subsection. An Any owner or registrant of a motor vehicle who qualifies for the an 641 642 exemption under this subsection shall immediately notify the 643 department before prior to and at the end of the expiration of 644 the exemption. 645 Section 14. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 324.0221,

646 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (4) is added to 647 that section, to read:

648 324.0221 Reports by insurers to the department; suspension
649 of driver license and vehicle registrations; reinstatement.650 (1) (a) Each insurer that has issued a policy providing

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651 personal injury protection coverage or property damage liability 652 coverage shall report the cancellation or nonrenewal thereof to 653 the department within 10 days after the processing date or 654 effective date of each cancellation or nonrenewal. Upon the 655 issuance of a policy providing personal injury protection 656 coverage or property damage liability coverage to a named 657 insured not previously insured by the insurer during that 658 calendar year, the insurer shall report the issuance of the new policy to the department within 10 days. The report must shall 659 660 be in a the form prescribed by the department and format and 661 contain any information required by the department and must be 662 provided in a format that is compatible with the data processing 663 capabilities of the department. Failure by an insurer to file 664 proper reports with the department as required by this 665 subsection constitutes a violation of the Florida Insurance 666 Code. These records shall be used by the department only for 667 enforcement and regulatory purposes, including the generation by the department of data regarding compliance by owners of motor 668 vehicles with the requirements for financial responsibility 669 670 coverage.

(b) With respect to an insurance policy providing personal
injury protection coverage or property damage liability
coverage, each insurer shall notify the named insured, or the
first-named insured in the case of a commercial fleet policy, in
writing that any cancellation or nonrenewal of the policy will

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676 be reported by the insurer to the department. The notice must 677 also inform the named insured that failure to maintain bodily 678 injury liability personal injury protection coverage and 679 property damage liability coverage on a motor vehicle when 680 required by law may result in the loss of registration and 681 driving privileges in this state and inform the named insured of 682 the amount of the reinstatement fees required by this section. 683 This notice is for informational purposes only, and an insurer is not civilly liable for failing to provide this notice. 684

(2) The department shall suspend, after due notice and an
opportunity to be heard, the registration and driver license of
any owner or registrant of a motor vehicle with respect to which
security is required under <u>s. ss.</u> 324.022, <u>s. 324.023</u>, <u>s.</u>
<u>324.032</u>, <u>s. 627.7415</u>, or <u>s. 627.742</u> and <u>627.733</u> upon:

(a) The department's records showing that the owner or
registrant of such motor vehicle did not have the in full force
and effect when required security in full force and effect that
complies with the requirements of ss. 324.022 and 627.733; or

(b) Notification by the insurer to the department, in a
form approved by the department, of cancellation or termination
of the required security.

697 (4) All suspensions of license or registration under this
 698 section for failure to maintain required security that occurred
 699 before January 1, 2019, remain in full force and effect after
 700 the effective date of this act.

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701 Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 324.032, Florida702 Statutes, is amended to read:

703 324.032 Manner of proving financial responsibility; for-704 hire passenger transportation vehicles.-Notwithstanding the 705 provisions of s. 324.031:

706 (1) (a) A person who is either the owner or a lessee of a 707 motor vehicle used as a taxicab required to maintain insurance 708 under s. 627.733(1)(b) and who operates one or more taxicabs, 709 limousines, jitneys, or any other for-hire passenger 710 transportation vehicles may prove financial responsibility by 711 furnishing satisfactory evidence of holding a motor vehicle 712 liability policy, but with minimum limits of 713 \$125,000/250,000/50,000.

(b) A person who is either the owner or a lessee required to maintain insurance under s. 324.021(9)(b) and who operates limousines, jitneys, or any other for-hire passenger vehicles, other than taxicabs, may prove financial responsibility by furnishing satisfactory evidence of holding a motor vehicle liability policy as defined in s. 324.031.

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721 Upon request by the department, the applicant must provide the 722 department at the applicant's principal place of business in 723 this state access to the applicant's underlying financial 724 information and financial statements that provide the basis of 725 the certified public accountant's certification. The applicant

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726 shall reimburse the requesting department for all reasonable 727 costs incurred by it in reviewing the supporting information. 728 The maximum amount of self-insurance permissible under this 729 subsection is \$300,000 and must be stated on a per-occurrence 730 basis, and the applicant shall maintain adequate excess 731 insurance issued by an authorized or eligible insurer licensed 732 or approved by the Office of Insurance Regulation. All risks 733 self-insured shall remain with the owner or lessee providing it, 734 and the risks are not transferable to any other person, unless a 735 policy complying with subsection (1) is obtained.

736 Section 16. Subsection (2) of section 324.051, Florida737 Statutes, is amended to read:

738 324.051 Reports of <u>accidents</u> crashes; suspensions of
 739 licenses and registrations.-

740 Thirty days after receipt of notice of any accident (2) (a) 741 described in paragraph (1)(a) involving a motor vehicle within 742 this state, the department shall suspend, after due notice and 743 opportunity to be heard, the license of each operator and all 744 registrations of the owner of the vehicles operated by such 745 operator whether or not involved in such accident crash and, in the case of a nonresident owner or operator, shall suspend such 746 747 nonresident's operating privilege in this state, unless such operator or owner shall, prior to the expiration of such 30 748 749 days, be found by the department to be exempt from the operation 750 of this chapter, based upon evidence satisfactory to the

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751 department that:

752 1. The motor vehicle was legally parked at the time of753 such accident crash.

754 2. The motor vehicle was owned by the United States
755 Government, this state, or any political subdivision of this
756 state or any municipality therein.

757 3. Such operator or owner has secured a duly acknowledged 758 written agreement providing for release from liability by all 759 parties injured as the result of said <u>accident</u> crash and has 760 complied with one of the provisions of s. 324.031.

4. Such operator or owner has deposited with the
department security to conform with s. 324.061 when applicable
and has complied with one of the provisions of s. 324.031.

5. One year has elapsed since such owner or operator was suspended pursuant to subsection (3), the owner or operator has complied with one of the provisions of s. 324.031, and no bill of complaint of which the department has notice has been filed in a court of competent jurisdiction.

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(b) This subsection shall not apply:

1. To such operator or owner if such operator or owner had in effect at the time of such <u>accident</u> crash or traffic conviction <u>a motor vehicle</u> an automobile liability policy with respect to all of the registered motor vehicles owned by such operator or owner.

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2. To such operator, if not the owner of such motor

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776 vehicle, if there was in effect at the time of such <u>accident</u> 777 crash or traffic conviction <u>a motor vehicle</u> an automobile 778 liability policy or bond with respect to his or her operation of 779 motor vehicles not owned by him or her.

3. To such operator or owner if the liability of such
operator or owner for damages resulting from such <u>accident</u> crash
is, in the judgment of the department, covered by any other form
of liability insurance or bond.

4. To <u>a</u> any person who has obtained from the department a certificate of self-insurance, in accordance with s. 324.171, or to <u>a</u> any person operating a motor vehicle for such self-insurer.

No such policy or bond shall be effective under this subsection unless it contains limits of not less than those specified in s. 324.021(7).

791 Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 324.091, Florida792 Statutes, is amended to read:

793 324.091 Notice to department; notice to insurer.-794 Each owner and operator involved in an accident a (1)795 crash or conviction case within the purview of this chapter shall furnish evidence of automobile liability insurance or 796 797 motor vehicle liability insurance within 14 days after the date of the mailing of notice of the accident crash by the department 798 799 in the form and manner as it may designate. Upon receipt of 800 evidence that a an automobile liability policy or motor vehicle

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801	liability policy was in effect at the time of the accident crash
802	or conviction case, the department shall forward to the insurer
803	such information for verification in a method as determined by
804	the department. The insurer shall respond to the department
805	within 20 days after the notice whether or not such information
806	is valid. If the department determines that <u>a</u> an automobile
807	liability policy or motor vehicle liability policy was not in
808	effect and did not provide coverage for both the owner and the
809	operator, it shall take action as it is authorized to do under
810	this chapter.
811	Section 18. Section 324.151, Florida Statutes, is amended
812	to read:
813	324.151 Motor vehicle liability policies; required
814	provisions
815	(1) As used in this section, the term:
816	(a) "Newly acquired vehicle" means a vehicle owned by a
817	named insured or resident relative of the named insured which
818	was acquired 30 days or less before an accident.
819	(b) "Resident relative" means a person related to a named
820	insured by any degree by blood, marriage, or adoption, including
821	a ward or foster child, who usually makes her or his home in the
822	same family unit as the named insured, whether or not he or she
823	is temporarily living elsewhere.
824	(c) "Temporary substitute vehicle" means a motor vehicle
825	as defined in s. 320.01(1) that is not owned by the named

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826 <u>insured which is temporarily used with the permission of the</u> 827 <u>owner as a substitute for a motor vehicle designated on the</u> 828 <u>policy when the vehicle designated on the policy is withdrawn</u> 829 <u>from normal use because of breakdown, repair, servicing, loss,</u> 830 <u>or destruction.</u>

831 <u>(2)(1)</u> A motor vehicle liability policy <u>as</u> to be proof of 832 financial responsibility under s. 324.031(1), shall be issued to 833 owners <u>and</u> or operators <u>of motor vehicles</u> under the following 834 provisions:

A motor vehicle liability insurance policy issued to 835 (a) 836 an owner of a motor vehicle registered in this state must An 837 owner's liability insurance policy shall designate by explicit 838 description or by appropriate reference all motor vehicles with 839 respect to which coverage is thereby granted. The policy must 840 and shall insure the person or persons owner named therein and 841 any resident relative of a named insured other person as 842 operator using such motor vehicle or motor vehicles with the 843 express or implied permission of such owner against loss from 844 the liability imposed by law for damage arising out of the 845 ownership, maintenance, or use of any such motor vehicle, except 846 as otherwise provided in this section. The policy shall also 847 insure any person operating an insured motor vehicle with the express or implied permission of the named insured against loss 848 849 from liability imposed by law for damage arising out of the use 850 of such vehicle. However, the insurer may exclude in its policy

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851 liability coverage for a motor vehicle not designated as an 852 insured vehicle on the policy if such motor vehicle does not 853 qualify as a newly acquired vehicle or a temporary substitute 854 vehicle and was owned by an insured or was furnished for an 855 insured's regular use for more than 30 consecutive days before 856 an accident or motor vehicles within the United States or the 857 Dominion of Canada, subject to limits, exclusive of interest and 858 costs with respect to each such motor vehicle as is provided for 859 under s. 324.021(7). Insurers may make available, with respect 860 to property damage liability coverage, a deductible amount not 861 to exceed \$500. In the event of a property damage loss covered 862 by a policy containing a property damage deductible provision, 863 the insurer shall pay to the third-party claimant the amount of 864 any property damage liability settlement or judgment, subject to 865 policy limits, as if no deductible existed. 866 (b) A motor vehicle liability insurance policy issued to a

867 person who does not own a motor vehicle registered in this state 868 and is not already insured under a policy described in paragraph 869 (a) must An operator's motor vehicle liability policy of 870 insurance shall insure the person or persons named in the policy 871 therein against loss from the liability imposed upon him or her 872 by law for damages arising out of the use by the person of any motor vehicle not owned by him or her, unless the vehicle was 873 874 furnished for the named insured's regular use and used by the named insured for more than 30 consecutive days before an 875

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876 <u>accident</u> with the same territorial limits and subject to the 877 same limits of liability as referred to above with respect to an 878 owner's policy of liability insurance.

879 (c) All such motor vehicle liability policies shall state 880 the name and address of the named insured, the coverage afforded 881 by the policy, the premium charged therefor, the policy period, the limits of liability, and shall contain an agreement or be 882 883 endorsed that insurance is provided in accordance with the coverage defined in this chapter as respects bodily injury and 884 885 death or property damage or both and is subject to all 886 provisions of this chapter. The Said policies must shall also 887 contain a provision that the satisfaction by an insured of a 888 judgment for such injury or damage shall not be a condition 889 precedent to the right or duty of the insurer insurance carrier 890 to make payment on account of such injury or damage, and shall 891 also contain a provision that bankruptcy or insolvency of the 892 insured or of the insured's estate shall not relieve the insurer 893 insurance carrier of any of its obligations under the said 894 policy. However, the policies may contain provisions excluding 895 liability coverage for a vehicle used outside of the United 896 States or Canada at the time of an accident.

897 <u>(3)(2)</u> The provisions of this section shall not be 898 applicable to any automobile liability policy unless and until 899 it is furnished as proof of financial responsibility for the 900 future pursuant to s. 324.031, and then only from and after the

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901 date said policy is so furnished.

902 Section 19. Section 324.161, Florida Statutes, is amended 903 to read:

904 324.161 Proof of financial responsibility; deposit.-905 Annually, before any certificate of insurance may be issued to a 906 person, including any firm, partnership, association, 907 corporation, or other person, other than a natural person, proof 908 of a certificate of deposit of \$60,000 \$30,000 issued and held by a financial institution must be submitted to the department. 909 A power of attorney will be issued to and held by the department 910 911 and may be executed upon a judgment issued against such person 912 making the deposit, for damages for because of bodily injury to 913 or death of any person or for damages for because of injury to 914 or destruction of property resulting from the use or operation 915 of any motor vehicle occurring after such deposit was made. 916 Money so deposited is shall not be subject to attachment or 917 execution unless such attachment or execution shall arise out of 918 a suit for such damages as aforesaid.

919 Section 20. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 324.171, 920 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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324.171 Self-insurer.-

922 (1) <u>A Any person may qualify as a self-insurer by</u>
923 obtaining a certificate of self-insurance from the department.
924 <u>Upon which may, in its discretion and upon application of such a</u>
925 person, the department may issue a said certificate of self-

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926 insurance <u>if the applicant</u> when such person has satisfied the 927 requirements of this section to qualify as a self-insurer under 928 this section:

929 (a) A private individual with private passenger vehicles
 930 <u>must shall</u> possess a net unencumbered worth of at least \$60,000
 931 \$40,000.

932 (b) A person, including any firm, partnership,
933 association, corporation, or other person, other than a natural
934 person, <u>must</u> shall:

935 1. Possess a net unencumbered worth of at least \$60,000 936 \$40,000 for the first motor vehicle and \$30,000 \$20,000 for each 937 additional motor vehicle; or

938 Maintain sufficient net worth, in an amount determined 2. 939 by the department to be financially responsible for potential 940 losses. The department must annually determine the minimum net 941 worth sufficient to satisfy this section as determined annually 942 by the department, pursuant to rules adopted promulgated by the 943 department_{au} with the assistance of the Office of Insurance 944 Regulation of the Financial Services Commission, to be 945 financially responsible for potential losses. The rules must 946 consider any shall take into consideration excess insurance 947 carried by the applicant. The department's determination shall be based upon reasonable actuarial principles considering the 948 frequency, severity, and loss development of claims incurred by 949 950 casualty insurers writing coverage on the type of motor vehicles

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951 for which a certificate of self-insurance is desired. 952 The owner of a commercial motor vehicle, as defined in (C) 953 s. 207.002 or s. 320.01, may qualify as a self-insurer subject 954 to the standards provided for in subparagraph (b)2. 955 (2)The self-insurance certificate shall provide limits of 956 liability insurance in the amounts specified under s. 324.021(7) 957 or s. 627.7415 and shall provide personal injury protection 958 coverage under s. 627.733(3)(b). Section 21. Section 324.251, Florida Statutes, is amended 959 960 to read: 961 324.251 Short title.-This chapter may be cited as the 962 "Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law of 1955" and shall 963 become effective at 12:01 a.m., October 1, 1955. 964 Section 22. Subsection (4) of section 400.9905, Florida 965 Statutes, is amended to read: 966 400.9905 Definitions.-967 "Clinic" means an entity where health care services (4) are provided to individuals and which tenders charges for 968 969 reimbursement for such services, including a mobile clinic and a 970 portable equipment provider. As used in this part, the term does 971 not include and the licensure requirements of this part do not 972 apply to: Entities licensed or registered by the state under 973 (a) 974 chapter 395; entities licensed or registered by the state and 975 providing only health care services within the scope of services

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976 authorized under their respective licenses under ss. 383.30-977 383.335, chapter 390, chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter 978 except part X, chapter 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 979 466, chapter 478, part I of chapter 483, chapter 484, or chapter 980 651; end-stage renal disease providers authorized under 42 981 C.F.R. part 405, subpart U; providers certified under 42 C.F.R. 982 part 485, subpart B or subpart H; or any entity that provides 983 neonatal or pediatric hospital-based health care services or other health care services by licensed practitioners solely 984 985 within a hospital licensed under chapter 395.

986 Entities that own, directly or indirectly, entities (b) 987 licensed or registered by the state pursuant to chapter 395; 988 entities that own, directly or indirectly, entities licensed or 989 registered by the state and providing only health care services 990 within the scope of services authorized pursuant to their 991 respective licenses under ss. 383.30-383.335, chapter 390, 992 chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter except part X, chapter 993 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 478, part I 994 of chapter 483, chapter 484, or chapter 651; end-stage renal 995 disease providers authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 405, subpart 996 U; providers certified under 42 C.F.R. part 485, subpart B or 997 subpart H; or any entity that provides neonatal or pediatric hospital-based health care services by licensed practitioners 998 solely within a hospital licensed under chapter 395. 999

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(c) Entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, by an

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1001 entity licensed or registered by the state pursuant to chapter 395; entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, by an 1002 1003 entity licensed or registered by the state and providing only 1004 health care services within the scope of services authorized 1005 pursuant to their respective licenses under ss. 383.30-383.335, 1006 chapter 390, chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter except part 1007 X, chapter 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 1008 478, part I of chapter 483, chapter 484, or chapter 651; end-1009 stage renal disease providers authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 405, subpart U; providers certified under 42 C.F.R. part 485, 1010 subpart B or subpart H; or any entity that provides neonatal or 1011 1012 pediatric hospital-based health care services by licensed 1013 practitioners solely within a hospital under chapter 395.

1014 (d) Entities that are under common ownership, directly or 1015 indirectly, with an entity licensed or registered by the state pursuant to chapter 395; entities that are under common 1016 1017 ownership, directly or indirectly, with an entity licensed or 1018 registered by the state and providing only health care services 1019 within the scope of services authorized pursuant to their 1020 respective licenses under ss. 383.30-383.335, chapter 390, 1021 chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter except part X, chapter 1022 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 478, part I of chapter 483, chapter 484, or chapter 651; end-stage renal 1023 disease providers authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 405, subpart 1024 1025 U; providers certified under 42 C.F.R. part 485, subpart B or

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1026 subpart H; or any entity that provides neonatal or pediatric 1027 hospital-based health care services by licensed practitioners 1028 solely within a hospital licensed under chapter 395.

1029 (e) An entity that is exempt from federal taxation under 1030 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(3) or (4), an employee stock ownership plan 1031 under 26 U.S.C. s. 409 that has a board of trustees at least two-thirds of which are Florida-licensed health care 1032 1033 practitioners and provides only physical therapy services under 1034 physician orders, any community college or university clinic, and any entity owned or operated by the federal or state 1035 government, including agencies, subdivisions, or municipalities 1036 1037 thereof.

(f) A sole proprietorship, group practice, partnership, or corporation that provides health care services by physicians covered by s. 627.419, that is directly supervised by one or more of such physicians, and that is wholly owned by one or more of those physicians or by a physician and the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of that physician.

(g) A sole proprietorship, group practice, partnership, or
corporation that provides health care services by licensed
health care practitioners under chapter 457, chapter 458,
chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, chapter 462, chapter 463,
chapter 466, chapter 467, chapter 480, chapter 484, chapter 486,
chapter 490, chapter 491, or part I, part III, part X, part
XIII, or part XIV of chapter 468, or s. 464.012, and that is

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1051 wholly owned by one or more licensed health care practitioners, 1052 or the licensed health care practitioners set forth in this 1053 paragraph and the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a 1054 licensed health care practitioner if one of the owners who is a 1055 licensed health care practitioner is supervising the business 1056 activities and is legally responsible for the entity's 1057 compliance with all federal and state laws. However, a health 1058 care practitioner may not supervise services beyond the scope of 1059 the practitioner's license, except that, for the purposes of 1060 this part, a clinic owned by a licensee in s. 456.053(3)(b) 1061 which provides only services authorized pursuant to s. 1062 456.053(3)(b) may be supervised by a licensee specified in s. 1063 456.053(3)(b).

(h) Clinical facilities affiliated with an accredited
medical school at which training is provided for medical
students, residents, or fellows.

(i) Entities that provide only oncology or radiation therapy services by physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or entities that provide oncology or radiation therapy services by physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 which are owned by a corporation whose shares are publicly traded on a recognized stock exchange.

(j) Clinical facilities affiliated with a college of chiropractic accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education at which training is provided for chiropractic students.

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(k) Entities that provide licensed practitioners to staff emergency departments or to deliver anesthesia services in facilities licensed under chapter 395 and that derive at least 90 percent of their gross annual revenues from the provision of such services. Entities claiming an exemption from licensure under this paragraph must provide documentation demonstrating compliance.

1083 (1) Orthotic, prosthetic, pediatric cardiology, or 1084 perinatology clinical facilities or anesthesia clinical 1085 facilities that are not otherwise exempt under paragraph (a) or 1086 paragraph (k) and that are a publicly traded corporation or are 1087 wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by a publicly traded 1088 corporation. As used in this paragraph, a publicly traded 1089 corporation is a corporation that issues securities traded on an 1090 exchange registered with the United States Securities and 1091 Exchange Commission as a national securities exchange.

1092 Entities that are owned by a corporation that has \$250 (m) 1093 million or more in total annual sales of health care services 1094 provided by licensed health care practitioners where one or more 1095 of the persons responsible for the operations of the entity is a 1096 health care practitioner who is licensed in this state and who 1097 is responsible for supervising the business activities of the 1098 entity and is responsible for the entity's compliance with state law for purposes of this part. 1099

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(n) Entities that employ 50 or more licensed health care

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1101 practitioners licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 where 1102 the billing for medical services is under a single tax 1103 identification number. The application for exemption under this 1104 subsection must include shall contain information that includes: 1105 the name, residence, and business address and telephone phone 1106 number of the entity that owns the practice; a complete list of 1107 the names and contact information of all the officers and 1108 directors of the corporation; the name, residence address, 1109 business address, and medical license number of each licensed 1110 Florida health care practitioner employed by the entity; the corporate tax identification number of the entity seeking an 1111 1112 exemption; a listing of health care services to be provided by 1113 the entity at the health care clinics owned or operated by the 1114 entity and a certified statement prepared by an independent certified public accountant which states that the entity and the 1115 1116 health care clinics owned or operated by the entity have not 1117 received payment for health care services under motor vehicle 1118 personal injury protection insurance coverage for the preceding 1119 year. If the agency determines that an entity which is exempt 1120 under this subsection has received payments for medical services 1121 under motor vehicle personal injury protection insurance coverage, the agency may deny or revoke the exemption from 1122 1123 licensure under this subsection.

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Notwithstanding this subsection, an entity shall

1126 clinic and must be licensed under this part in order to receive reimbursement under the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, ss. 1127 1128 627.730-627.7405, unless exempted under s. 627.736(5)(h). 1129 Section 23. Subsection (6) of section 400.991, Florida 1130 Statutes, is amended to read: 1131 400.991 License requirements; background screenings; 1132 prohibitions.-1133 All agency forms for licensure application or (6) 1134 exemption from licensure under this part must contain the 1135 following statement: INSURANCE FRAUD NOTICE.-A person commits a fraudulent insurance 1136 1137 act under s. 626.989 or s. 817.234, Florida Statutes, if such person who knowingly submits a false, misleading, or fraudulent 1138 1139 application or other document when applying for licensure as a health care clinic, seeking an exemption from licensure as a 1140 health care clinic, or demonstrating compliance with part X of 1141 1142 chapter 400, Florida Statutes, with the intent to use the 1143 license, exemption from licensure, or demonstration of 1144 compliance to provide services or seek reimbursement under a motor vehicle insurance the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, 1145 1146 commits a fraudulent insurance act, as defined in s. 626.989, 1147 Florida Statutes. A person who presents a claim under a motor 1148 vehicle insurance for personal injury protection benefits knowing that the payee knowingly submitted such health care 1149 1150 clinic application or document, commits insurance fraud, as

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1151 defined in s. 817.234, Florida Statutes. 1152 Section 24. Paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section 1153 400.9935, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1154 400.9935 Clinic responsibilities.-1155 Each clinic shall appoint a medical director or clinic (1)1156 director who shall agree in writing to accept legal 1157 responsibility for the following activities on behalf of the 1158 clinic. The medical director or the clinic director shall: Conduct systematic reviews of clinic billings to 1159 (q) 1160 ensure that the billings are not fraudulent or unlawful. Upon discovery of an unlawful charge, the medical director or clinic 1161 1162 director shall take immediate corrective action. If the clinic 1163 performs only the technical component of magnetic resonance 1164 imaging, static radiographs, computed tomography, or positron 1165 emission tomography, and provides the professional interpretation of such services, in a fixed facility that is 1166 1167 accredited by a national accrediting organization that is 1168 approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for 1169 magnetic resonance imaging and advanced diagnostic imaging 1170 services and if, in the preceding quarter, the percentage of 1171 scans performed by that clinic which was billed to motor vehicle 1172 all personal injury protection insurance carriers was less than 15 percent, the chief financial officer of the clinic may, in a 1173 written acknowledgment provided to the agency, assume the 1174 1175 responsibility for the conduct of the systematic reviews of

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1176 clinic billings to ensure that the billings are not fraudulent 1177 or unlawful.

1178 Section 25. Subsections (27) and (28) of section 409.901, 1179 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1180 409.901 Definitions; ss. 409.901-409.920.—As used in ss. 1181 409.901-409.920, except as otherwise specifically provided, the 1182 term:

1183 (27)"Third party" means an individual, entity, or 1184 program, excluding Medicaid, that is, may be, could be, should 1185 be, or has been liable for all or part of the cost of medical 1186 services related to any medical assistance covered by Medicaid. 1187 A third party includes a third-party administrator; a pharmacy 1188 benefits manager; a health insurer; a self-insured plan; a group 1189 health plan, as defined in s. 607(1) of the Employee Retirement 1190 Income Security Act of 1974; a service benefit plan; a managed 1191 care organization; liability insurance, including self-1192 insurance; no-fault insurance; workers' compensation laws or 1193 plans; or other parties that are, by statute, contract, or 1194 agreement, legally responsible for payment of a claim for a 1195 health care item or service.

(28) "Third-party benefit" means any benefit that is or may be available at any time through contract, court award, judgment, settlement, agreement, or any arrangement between a third party and any person or entity, including, without limitation, a Medicaid recipient, a provider, another third

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1201 party, an insurer, or the agency, for any Medicaid-covered injury, illness, goods, or services, including costs of medical 1202 1203 services related thereto, for bodily personal injury or for 1204 death of the recipient, but specifically excluding policies of 1205 life insurance on the recipient, unless available under terms of 1206 the policy to pay medical expenses prior to death. The term 1207 includes, without limitation, collateral, as defined in this 1208 section, health insurance, any benefit under a health 1209 maintenance organization, a preferred provider arrangement, a 1210 prepaid health clinic, liability insurance, uninsured motorist insurance or motor vehicle insurance personal injury protection 1211 coverage, medical benefits under workers' compensation, and any 1212 1213 obligation under law or equity to provide medical support.

1214 Section 26. Paragraph (f) of subsection (11) of section 1215 409.910, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1216 409.910 Responsibility for payments on behalf of Medicaid-1217 eligible persons when other parties are liable.-

(11) The agency may, as a matter of right, in order to enforce its rights under this section, institute, intervene in, or join any legal or administrative proceeding in its own name in one or more of the following capacities: individually, as subrogee of the recipient, as assignee of the recipient, or as lienholder of the collateral.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision in this section to the contrary, in the event of an action in tort against a third

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1226 party in which the recipient or his or her legal representative 1227 is a party which results in a judgment, award, or settlement 1228 from a third party, the amount recovered shall be distributed as 1229 follows:

1230 1. After attorney's fees and taxable costs as defined by 1231 the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, one-half of the remaining 1232 recovery shall be paid to the agency up to the total amount of 1233 medical assistance provided by Medicaid.

1234 2. The remaining amount of the recovery shall be paid to 1235 the recipient.

3. For purposes of calculating the agency's recovery of medical assistance benefits paid, the fee for services of an attorney retained by the recipient or his or her legal representative shall be calculated at 25 percent of the judgment, award, or settlement.

1241 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to 1242 the contrary, the agency shall be entitled to all medical 1243 coverage benefits up to the total amount of medical assistance 1244 provided by Medicaid. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "medical coverage" means any benefits under health insurance, a 1245 1246 health maintenance organization, a preferred provider 1247 arrangement, or a prepaid health clinic, and the portion of 1248 benefits designated for medical payments under coverage for workers' compensation insurance policy or a motor vehicle 1249 1250 liability insurance policy, personal injury protection, and

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Section 27. Paragraph (k) of subsection (2) of section 456.057, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1254 456.057 Ownership and control of patient records; report 1255 or copies of records to be furnished; disclosure of 1256 information.—

1257 (2) As used in this section, the terms "records owner," 1258 "health care practitioner," and "health care practitioner's 1259 employer" do not include any of the following persons or 1260 entities; furthermore, the following persons or entities are not authorized to acquire or own medical records, but are authorized 1261 1262 under the confidentiality and disclosure requirements of this 1263 section to maintain those documents required by the part or 1264 chapter under which they are licensed or regulated:

(k) Persons or entities practicing under s. 627.736(7).

1266Section 28. Paragraphs (ee) and (ff) of subsection (1) of1267section 456.072, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1268 456.072 Grounds for discipline; penalties; enforcement.1269 (1) The following acts shall constitute grounds for which
1270 the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may be
1271 taken:

1272 (ec) With respect to making a personal injury protection 1273 claim as required by s. 627.736, intentionally submitting a 1274 claim, statement, or bill that has been "upcoded" as defined in 1275 s. 627.732.

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1276 (ff) With respect to making a personal injury protection 1277 claim as required by s. 627.736, intentionally submitting a 1278 claim, statement, or bill for payment of services that were not 1279 rendered.

1280Section 29. Paragraphs (i) and (o) of subsection (1) of1281section 626.9541, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1282 626.9541 Unfair methods of competition and unfair or 1283 deceptive acts or practices defined.-

1284 (1) UNFAIR METHODS OF COMPETITION AND UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE
1285 ACTS.-The following are defined as unfair methods of competition
1286 and unfair or deceptive acts or practices:

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(i) Unfair claim settlement practices.-

1288 1. Attempting to settle claims on the basis of an 1289 application, when serving as a binder or intended to become a 1290 part of the policy, or any other material document which was 1291 altered without notice to, or knowledge or consent of, the 1292 insured;

1293 2. A material misrepresentation made to an insured or any 1294 other person having an interest in the proceeds payable under 1295 such contract or policy, for the purpose and with the intent of 1296 effecting settlement of such claims, loss, or damage under such 1297 contract or policy on less favorable terms than those provided 1298 in, and contemplated by, such contract or policy; or

1299 3. Committing or performing with such frequency as to 1300 indicate a general business practice any of the following:

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Failing to adopt and implement standards for the proper 1301 a. 1302 investigation of claims; 1303 Misrepresenting pertinent facts or insurance policy b. 1304 provisions relating to coverages at issue; 1305 с. Failing to acknowledge and act promptly upon 1306 communications with respect to claims; 1307 d. Denying claims without conducting reasonable 1308 investigations based upon available information; 1309 Failing to affirm or deny full or partial coverage of e. 1310 claims, and, as to partial coverage, the dollar amount or extent of coverage, or failing to provide a written statement that the 1311 1312 claim is being investigated, upon the written request of the insured within 30 days after proof-of-loss statements have been 1313 1314 completed; 1315 f. Failing to promptly provide a reasonable explanation in writing to the insured of the basis in the insurance policy, in 1316 1317 relation to the facts or applicable law, for denial of a claim 1318 or for the offer of a compromise settlement; 1319 Failing to promptly notify the insured of any q. 1320 additional information necessary for the processing of a claim; 1321 or 1322 Failing to clearly explain the nature of the requested h. information and the reasons why such information is necessary. 1323 1324 Failing to pay personal injury protection insurance 1325 claims within the time periods required by s. 627.736(4)(b) Page 53 of 93

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1326 office may order the insurer to pay restitution to a 1327 policyholder, medical provider, or other claimant, including 1328 interest at a rate consistent with the amount set forth in 1329 55.03(1), for the time period within which an insurer fails -t.o 1330 pay claims as required by law. Restitution is in addition to any 1331 other penalties allowed by law, including, but not limited to, 1332 the suspension of the insurer's certificate of authority.

1333 Failing to pay undisputed amounts of partial or full 4. 1334 benefits owed under first-party property insurance policies 1335 within 90 days after an insurer receives notice of a residential property insurance claim, determines the amounts of partial or 1336 1337 full benefits, and agrees to coverage, unless payment of the 1338 undisputed benefits is prevented by an act of God, prevented by 1339 the impossibility of performance, or due to actions by the 1340 insured or claimant that constitute fraud, lack of cooperation, 1341 or intentional misrepresentation regarding the claim for which 1342 benefits are owed.

(o) Illegal dealings in premiums; excess or reducedcharges for insurance.-

1345 1. Knowingly collecting any sum as a premium or charge for 1346 insurance, which is not then provided, or is not in due course 1347 to be provided, subject to acceptance of the risk by the 1348 insurer, by an insurance policy issued by an insurer as 1349 permitted by this code.

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2. Knowingly collecting as a premium or charge for

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1352 charge applicable to such insurance, in accordance with the 1353 applicable classifications and rates as filed with and approved 1354 by the office, and as specified in the policy; or, in cases when 1355 classifications, premiums, or rates are not required by this 1356 code to be so filed and approved, premiums and charges collected 1357 from a Florida resident in excess of or less than those 1358 specified in the policy and as fixed by the insurer. 1359 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this provision shall 1360 not be deemed to prohibit the charging and collection, by surplus lines agents licensed under part VIII of this chapter, 1361 1362 of the amount of applicable state and federal taxes, or fees as authorized by s. 626.916(4), in addition to the premium required 1363 1364 by the insurer or the charging and collection, by licensed 1365 agents, of the exact amount of any discount or other such fee charged by a credit card facility in connection with the use of 1366 1367 a credit card, as authorized by subparagraph (q)3., in addition 1368 to the premium required by the insurer. This subparagraph shall 1369 not be construed to prohibit collection of a premium for a 1370 universal life or a variable or indeterminate value insurance 1371 policy made in accordance with the terms of the contract. 1372 3.a. Imposing or requesting an additional premium for a

insurance any sum in excess of or less than the premium or

1373 policy of motor vehicle liability, personal injury protection, 1374 medical payment, or collision coverage in a motor vehicle 1375 <u>liability insurance policy</u> insurance or any combination thereof

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1376 or refusing to renew the policy solely because the insured was 1377 involved in a motor vehicle accident unless the insurer's file 1378 contains information from which the insurer in good faith 1379 determines that the insured was substantially at fault in the 1380 accident.

1381 b. An insurer which imposes and collects such a surcharge 1382 or which refuses to renew such policy shall, in conjunction with 1383 the notice of premium due or notice of nonrenewal, notify the 1384 named insured that he or she is entitled to reimbursement of 1385 such amount or renewal of the policy under the conditions listed 1386 below and will subsequently reimburse him or her or renew the 1387 policy, if the named insured demonstrates that the operator 1388 involved in the accident was:

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(I) Lawfully parked;

(II) Reimbursed by, or on behalf of, a person responsiblefor the accident or has a judgment against such person;

(III) Struck in the rear by another vehicle headed in the same direction and was not convicted of a moving traffic violation in connection with the accident;

(IV) Hit by a "hit-and-run" driver, if the accident was reported to the proper authorities within 24 hours after discovering the accident;

(V) Not convicted of a moving traffic violation in connection with the accident, but the operator of the other automobile involved in such accident was convicted of a moving

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1401 traffic violation;

1402 (VI) Finally adjudicated not to be liable by a court of 1403 competent jurisdiction;

1404 (VII) In receipt of a traffic citation which was dismissed 1405 or nolle prossed; or

(VIII) Not at fault as evidenced by a written statement from the insured establishing facts demonstrating lack of fault which are not rebutted by information in the insurer's file from which the insurer in good faith determines that the insured was substantially at fault.

In addition to the other provisions of this 1411 с. 1412 subparagraph, an insurer may not fail to renew a policy if the 1413 insured has had only one accident in which he or she was at 1414 fault within the current 3-year period. However, an insurer may nonrenew a policy for reasons other than accidents in accordance 1415 with s. 627.728. This subparagraph does not prohibit nonrenewal 1416 1417 of a policy under which the insured has had three or more 1418 accidents, regardless of fault, during the most recent 3-year 1419 period.

1420 4. Imposing or requesting an additional premium for, or
1421 refusing to renew, a policy for motor vehicle insurance solely
1422 because the insured committed a noncriminal traffic infraction
1423 as described in s. 318.14 unless the infraction is:

1424a. A second infraction committed within an 18-month1425period, or a third or subsequent infraction committed within a

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1426 36-month period.

b. A violation of s. 316.183, when such violation is a
result of exceeding the lawful speed limit by more than 15 miles
per hour.

1430 5. Upon the request of the insured, the insurer and 1431 licensed agent shall supply to the insured the complete proof of 1432 fault or other criteria which justifies the additional charge or 1433 cancellation.

6. No insurer shall impose or request an additional premium for motor vehicle insurance, cancel or refuse to issue a policy, or refuse to renew a policy because the insured or the applicant is a handicapped or physically disabled person, so long as such handicap or physical disability does not substantially impair such person's mechanically assisted driving ability.

No insurer may cancel or otherwise terminate any 1441 7. 1442 insurance contract or coverage, or require execution of a 1443 consent to rate endorsement, during the stated policy term for 1444 the purpose of offering to issue, or issuing, a similar or 1445 identical contract or coverage to the same insured with the same 1446 exposure at a higher premium rate or continuing an existing 1447 contract or coverage with the same exposure at an increased 1448 premium.

1449 8. No insurer may issue a nonrenewal notice on any 1450 insurance contract or coverage, or require execution of a

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1451 consent to rate endorsement, for the purpose of offering to 1452 issue, or issuing, a similar or identical contract or coverage 1453 to the same insured at a higher premium rate or continuing an 1454 existing contract or coverage at an increased premium without 1455 meeting any applicable notice requirements.

1456 9. No insurer shall, with respect to premiums charged for
1457 motor vehicle insurance, unfairly discriminate solely on the
1458 basis of age, sex, marital status, or scholastic achievement.

1459 10. Imposing or requesting an additional premium for motor 1460 vehicle comprehensive or uninsured motorist coverage solely 1461 because the insured was involved in a motor vehicle accident or 1462 was convicted of a moving traffic violation.

1463 11. No insurer shall cancel or issue a nonrenewal notice 1464 on any insurance policy or contract without complying with any 1465 applicable cancellation or nonrenewal provision required under 1466 the Florida Insurance Code.

1467 12. No insurer shall impose or request an additional 1468 premium, cancel a policy, or issue a nonrenewal notice on any 1469 insurance policy or contract because of any traffic infraction 1470 when adjudication has been withheld and no points have been 1471 assessed pursuant to s. 318.14(9) 318.14(9) and (10). However, this subparagraph does not apply to traffic infractions 1472 1473 involving accidents in which the insurer has incurred a loss due to the fault of the insured. 1474

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Section 30. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section

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1476 626.989, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1477 626.989 Investigation by department or Division of 1478 Investigative and Forensic Services; compliance; immunity; 1479 confidential information; reports to division; division 1480 investigator's power of arrest.-

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(1) For the purposes of this section:

1482 (a) A person commits a "fraudulent insurance act" if the1483 person:

1484 Knowingly and with intent to defraud presents, causes 1. to be presented, or prepares with knowledge or belief that it 1485 1486 will be presented, to or by an insurer, self-insurer, self-1487 insurance fund, servicing corporation, purported insurer, 1488 broker, or any agent thereof, any written statement as part of, 1489 or in support of, an application for the issuance of, or the rating of, any insurance policy, or a claim for payment or other 1490 benefit pursuant to any insurance policy, which the person knows 1491 1492 to contain materially false information concerning any fact 1493 material thereto or if the person conceals, for the purpose of 1494 misleading another, information concerning any fact material 1495 thereto.

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2. Knowingly submits:

a. A false, misleading, or fraudulent application or other
document when applying for licensure as a health care clinic,
seeking an exemption from licensure as a health care clinic, or
demonstrating compliance with part X of chapter 400 with an

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1501 intent to use the license, exemption from licensure, or 1502 demonstration of compliance to provide services or seek 1503 reimbursement under <u>a motor vehicle insurance policy</u> the Florida 1504 <u>Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law</u>.

1505 A claim for payment or other benefit pursuant to a b. 1506 motor vehicle personal injury protection insurance policy under 1507 the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law if the person knows that 1508 the payee knowingly submitted a false, misleading, or fraudulent 1509 application or other document when applying for licensure as a 1510 health care clinic, seeking an exemption from licensure as a 1511 health care clinic, or demonstrating compliance with part X of 1512 chapter 400.

1513 Section 31. Subsection (1) of section 627.06501, Florida 1514 Statutes, is amended to read:

1515 627.06501 Insurance discounts for certain persons1516 completing driver improvement course.-

1517 Any rate, rating schedule, or rating manual for the (1)1518 liability, personal injury protection, and collision coverages 1519 of a motor vehicle insurance policy filed with the office may provide for an appropriate reduction in premium charges as to 1520 1521 such coverages if when the principal operator on the covered vehicle has successfully completed a driver improvement course 1522 approved and certified by the Department of Highway Safety and 1523 Motor Vehicles which is effective in reducing accident erash or 1524 1525 violation rates, or both, as determined pursuant to s. 318.1451

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1526 s. 318.1451(5). Any discount, not to exceed 10 percent, used by
1527 an insurer is presumed to be appropriate unless credible data
1528 demonstrates otherwise.

1529 Section 32. Subsection (1) of section 627.0652, Florida 1530 Statutes, is amended to read:

1531 627.0652 Insurance discounts for certain persons1532 completing safety course.-

1533 Any rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals for the (1)1534 liability, personal injury protection, and collision coverages 1535 of a motor vehicle insurance policy filed with the office must 1536 shall provide for an appropriate reduction in premium charges as 1537 to such coverages if when the principal operator on the covered vehicle is an insured 55 years of age or older who has 1538 1539 successfully completed a motor vehicle accident prevention 1540 course approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor 1541 Vehicles. Any discount used by an insurer is presumed to be 1542 appropriate unless credible data demonstrates otherwise.

1543 Section 33. Subsections (1), (3), and (6) of section 1544 627.0653, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1545 627.0653 Insurance discounts for specified motor vehicle 1546 equipment.-

(1) Any rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals for the liability, personal injury protection, and collision coverages of a motor vehicle insurance policy filed with the office shall provide a premium discount if the insured vehicle is equipped

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1551 with factory-installed, four-wheel antilock brakes.

(3) Any rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals for personal injury protection coverage and medical payments coverage, if offered, of a motor vehicle insurance policy filed with the office shall provide a premium discount if the insured vehicle is equipped with one or more air bags which are factory installed.

1558 (6) The Office of Insurance Regulation may approve a 1559 premium discount to any rates, rating schedules, or rating 1560 manuals for the liability, personal injury protection, and collision coverages of a motor vehicle insurance policy filed 1561 1562 with the office if the insured vehicle is equipped with 1563 autonomous driving technology or electronic vehicle collision 1564 avoidance technology that is factory installed or a retrofitted 1565 system and that complies with National Highway Traffic Safety 1566 Administration standards.

1567 Section 34. Section 627.4132, Florida Statutes, is amended 1568 to read:

1569 627.4132 Stacking of coverages prohibited.—If an insured 1570 or named insured is protected by any type of motor vehicle 1571 insurance policy for liability, personal injury protection, or 1572 other coverage, the policy <u>must shall</u> provide that the insured 1573 or named insured is protected only to the extent of the coverage 1574 she or he has on the vehicle involved in the accident. However, 1575 if none of the insured's or named insured's vehicles are is

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1576 involved in the accident, coverage is available only to the 1577 extent of coverage on any one of the vehicles with applicable 1578 coverage. Coverage on any other vehicles may shall not be added 1579 to or stacked upon that coverage. This section does not apply: 1580 (1)To uninsured motorist coverage which is separately 1581 governed by s. 627.727. 1582 (2) To reduce the coverage available by reason of 1583 insurance policies insuring different named insureds. 1584 Section 35. Section 627.7263, Florida Statutes, is amended 1585 to read: 1586 627.7263 Rental and leasing driver's insurance to be 1587 primary; exception.-1588 (1)The valid and collectible liability insurance or 1589 personal injury protection insurance providing coverage for the 1590 lessor of a motor vehicle for rent or lease is primary unless 1591 otherwise stated in at least 10-point type on the face of the 1592 rental or lease agreement. Such insurance is primary for the 1593 limits of liability in an amount not less than the minimum 1594 limits described in and personal injury protection coverage as 1595 required by s. 324.021(7) ss. 324.021(7) and 627.736. 1596 If the lessee's coverage is to be primary, the rental (2)1597 or lease agreement must contain the following language, in at 1598 least 10-point type: 1599 1600 "The valid and collectible liability insurance and personal Page 64 of 93

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1601 injury protection insurance of an any authorized rental or 1602 leasing driver is primary for the limits of liability in an 1603 amount not less than the minimum limits described in and 1604 personal injury protection coverage required s. 324.021(7) by 1605 ss. 324.021(7) and 627.736, Florida Statutes."

1606 Section 36. Subsections (1) and (7) of section 627.727, 1607 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1608 627.727 Motor vehicle insurance; uninsured and 1609 underinsured vehicle coverage; insolvent insurer protection.-

1610 (1)No motor vehicle liability insurance policy which provides bodily injury liability coverage shall be delivered or 1611 1612 issued for delivery in this state with respect to any 1613 specifically insured or identified motor vehicle registered or 1614 principally garaged in this state unless uninsured motor vehicle 1615 coverage is provided therein or supplemental thereto for the 1616 protection of persons insured thereunder who are legally 1617 entitled to recover damages from owners or operators of 1618 uninsured motor vehicles because of bodily injury, sickness, or 1619 disease, including death, resulting therefrom. However, the 1620 coverage required under this section is not applicable if when, 1621 or to the extent that, an insured named in the policy makes a written rejection of the coverage on behalf of all insureds 1622 under the policy. If When a motor vehicle is leased for a period 1623 of 1 year or longer and the lessor of such vehicle, by the terms 1624 1625 of the lease contract, provides liability coverage on the leased

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1626 vehicle, the lessee of such vehicle shall have the sole privilege to reject uninsured motorist coverage or to select 1627 1628 lower limits than the bodily injury liability limits, regardless 1629 of whether the lessor is qualified as a self-insurer pursuant to s. 324.171. Unless an insured, or lessee having the privilege of 1630 1631 rejecting uninsured motorist coverage, requests such coverage or 1632 requests higher uninsured motorist limits in writing, the 1633 coverage or such higher uninsured motorist limits need not be 1634 provided in or supplemental to any other policy which renews, 1635 extends, changes, supersedes, or replaces an existing policy with the same bodily injury liability limits when an insured or 1636 1637 lessee had rejected the coverage. When an insured or lessee has 1638 initially selected limits of uninsured motorist coverage lower 1639 than her or his bodily injury liability limits, higher limits of uninsured motorist coverage need not be provided in or 1640 supplemental to any other policy that which renews, extends, 1641 1642 changes, supersedes, or replaces an existing policy with the 1643 same bodily injury liability limits unless an insured requests 1644 higher uninsured motorist coverage in writing. The rejection or 1645 selection of lower limits shall be made on a form approved by 1646 the office. The form must shall fully advise the applicant of the nature of the coverage and must shall state that the 1647 coverage is equal to bodily injury liability limits unless lower 1648 limits are requested or the coverage is rejected. The heading of 1649 1650 the form shall be in 12-point bold type and shall state: "You

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1651 are electing not to purchase certain valuable coverage that 1652 which protects you and your family or you are purchasing 1653 uninsured motorist limits less than your bodily injury liability 1654 limits when you sign this form. Please read carefully." If this 1655 form is signed by a named insured, it will be conclusively 1656 presumed that there was an informed, knowing rejection of 1657 coverage or election of lower limits on behalf of all insureds. 1658 The insurer shall notify the named insured at least annually of 1659 her or his options as to the coverage required by this section. 1660 Such notice must shall be part of, and attached to, the notice 1661 of premium, must shall provide for a means to allow the insured 1662 to request such coverage, and must shall be given in a manner 1663 approved by the office. Receipt of this notice does not 1664 constitute an affirmative waiver of the insured's right to uninsured motorist coverage if where the insured has not signed 1665 1666 a selection or rejection form. The coverage described under this 1667 section shall be over and above, but shall not duplicate, the 1668 benefits available to an insured under any workers' compensation 1669 law, personal injury protection benefits, disability benefits 1670 law, or similar law; under any automobile medical payments 1671 expense coverage; under any motor vehicle liability insurance 1672 coverage; or from the owner or operator of the uninsured motor 1673 vehicle or any other person or organization jointly or severally 1674 liable together with such owner or operator for the accident; 1675 and such coverage shall cover the difference, if any, between

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1676 the sum of such benefits and the damages sustained, up to the 1677 maximum amount of such coverage provided under this section. The 1678 amount of coverage available under this section may shall not be 1679 reduced by a setoff against any coverage, including liability 1680 insurance. Such coverage does shall not inure directly or 1681 indirectly to the benefit of any workers' compensation or 1682 disability benefits carrier or any person or organization 1683 qualifying as a self-insurer under any workers' compensation or 1684 disability benefits law or similar law. 1685 (7) (a) For uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage issued before January 1, 2019, the legal liability of an 1686 1687 uninsured motorist coverage insurer does not include damages in 1688 tort for pain, suffering, mental anguish, and inconvenience 1689 unless the injury or disease consists in whole or in part of: 1690 1. Significant and permanent loss of an important bodily 1691 function. 1692 2. Permanent injury within a reasonable degree of medical 1693 probability, other than scarring or disfigurement. 1694 3. Significant and permanent scarring or disfigurement. 1695 4. Death is described in one or more of paragraphs (a)-(d) 1696 of s. 627.737(2). (b) For uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage issued 1697 on or after January 1, 2019, the legal liability of an uninsured 1698 motorist coverage insurer includes damages in tort for pain, 1699 1700 suffering, disability or physical impairment, disfigurement,

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1701 mental anguish, inconvenience, and the loss of capacity for the 1702 enjoyment of life experienced in the past and to be experienced 1703 in the future.

Section 37. Subsection (1) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of section 627.7275, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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627.7275 Motor vehicle liability.-

1708 A motor vehicle insurance policy providing personal (1)injury protection as set forth in s. 627.736 may not be 1709 1710 delivered or issued for delivery in this state for a with respect to any specifically insured or identified motor vehicle 1711 1712 registered or principally garaged in this state must provide bodily injury liability coverage and unless the policy also 1713 provides coverage for property damage liability coverage as 1714 1715 required under by s. 324.022.

1716 (2)(a) Insurers writing motor vehicle insurance in this 1717 state shall make available, subject to the insurers' usual 1718 underwriting restrictions:

1719 1. Coverage under policies as described in subsection (1) 1720 to an applicant for private passenger motor vehicle insurance 1721 coverage who is seeking the coverage in order to reinstate the 1722 applicant's driving privileges in this state if the driving 1723 privileges were revoked or suspended pursuant to s. 316.646 or 1724 s. 324.0221 due to the failure of the applicant to maintain 1725 required security.

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1726 Coverage under policies as described in subsection (1), 2. which also provides bodily injury liability coverage and 1727 1728 property damage liability coverage for bodily injury, death, and 1729 property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or 1730 use of the motor vehicle in an amount not less than the minimum 1731 limits described in s. 324.021(7) or s. 324.023 and conforms to 1732 the requirements of s. 324.151, to an applicant for private 1733 passenger motor vehicle insurance coverage who is seeking the 1734 coverage in order to reinstate the applicant's driving 1735 privileges in this state after such privileges were revoked or suspended under s. 316.193 or s. 322.26(2) for driving under the 1736 1737 influence.

1738 The policies described in paragraph (a) shall be (b) 1739 issued for at least 6 months and, as to the minimum coverages 1740 required under this section, may not be canceled by the insured for any reason or by the insurer after 60 days, during which 1741 1742 period the insurer is completing the underwriting of the policy. 1743 After the insurer has completed underwriting the policy, the 1744 insurer shall notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor 1745 Vehicles that the policy is in full force and effect and is not 1746 cancelable for the remainder of the policy period. A premium 1747 shall be collected and the coverage is in effect for the 60-day period during which the insurer is completing the underwriting 1748 of the policy whether or not the person's driver license, motor 1749 1750 vehicle tag, and motor vehicle registration are in effect. Once

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the noncancelable provisions of the policy become effective, the 1751 1752 bodily injury liability and property damage liability coverages 1753 for bodily injury, property damage, and personal injury 1754 protection may not be reduced below the minimum limits required 1755 under s. 324.021 or s. 324.023 during the policy period. 1756 Section 38. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1757 627.728, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1758 627.728 Cancellations; nonrenewals.-As used in this section, the term: 1759 (1)"Policy" means the bodily injury and property damage 1760 (a) 1761 liability, personal injury protection, medical payments, 1762 comprehensive, collision, and uninsured motorist coverage 1763 portions of a policy of motor vehicle insurance delivered or 1764 issued for delivery in this state: 1765 Insuring a natural person as named insured or one or 1. 1766 more related individuals who are residents resident of the same 1767 household; and 2. 1768 Insuring only a motor vehicle of the private passenger 1769 type or station wagon type which is not used as a public or 1770 livery conveyance for passengers or rented to others; or 1771 insuring any other four-wheel motor vehicle having a load 1772 capacity of 1,500 pounds or less which is not used in the occupation, profession, or business of the insured other than 1773 1774 farming; other than any policy issued under an automobile 1775 insurance assigned risk plan or covering garage, automobile

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1776 sales agency, repair shop, service station, or public parking 1777 place operation hazards. 1778 1779 The term "policy" does not include a binder as defined in s. 627.420 unless the duration of the binder period exceeds 60 1780 1781 days. 1782 Section 39. Subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection 1783 (5), subsection (6), and subsection (7) of section 627.7295, 1784 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1785 627.7295 Motor vehicle insurance contracts.-1786 As used in this section, the term: (1)1787 (a) "Policy" means a motor vehicle insurance policy that provides bodily injury liability coverage and personal injury 1788 1789 protection coverage, property damage liability coverage, or 1790 both. 1791 (b) "Binder" means a binder that provides motor vehicle bodily injury liability coverage personal injury protection and 1792 1793 property damage liability coverage. 1794 (5) (a) A licensed general lines agent may charge a per-1795 policy fee up not to exceed \$10 to cover the administrative 1796 costs of the agent associated with selling the motor vehicle 1797 insurance policy if the policy covers only bodily injury 1798 liability coverage personal injury protection coverage as provided by s. 627.736 and property damage liability coverage as 1799 1800 provided by s. 627.7275 and if no other insurance is sold or

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1801 issued in conjunction with or collateral to the policy. The fee
1802 is not considered part of the premium.

(6) If a motor vehicle owner's driver license, license plate, and registration have previously been suspended pursuant to s. 316.646 or s. 627.733, an insurer may cancel a new policy only as provided in s. 627.7275.

1807 (7) A policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance 1808 or a binder for such a policy may be initially issued in this 1809 state only if, before the effective date of such binder or 1810 policy, the insurer or agent has collected from the insured an amount equal to 2 months' premium from the insured. An insurer, 1811 1812 agent, or premium finance company may not, directly or indirectly, take any action that results resulting in the 1813 1814 insured paying having paid from the insured's own funds an 1815 amount less than the 2 months' premium required by this subsection. This subsection applies without regard to whether 1816 1817 the premium is financed by a premium finance company or is paid 1818 pursuant to a periodic payment plan of an insurer or an 1819 insurance agent.

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(a) This subsection does not apply:

1821 <u>1.</u> If an insured or member of the insured's family is 1822 renewing or replacing a policy or a binder for such policy 1823 written by the same insurer or a member of the same insurer 1824 group.

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2. To This subsection does not apply to an insurer that

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1826 issues private passenger motor vehicle coverage primarily to
1827 active duty or former military personnel or their dependents.
1828 3. If This subsection does not apply if all policy

payments are paid pursuant to a payroll deduction plan, an automatic electronic funds transfer payment plan from the policyholder, or a recurring credit card or debit card agreement with the insurer.

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(b) This subsection and subsection (4) do not apply if:

1834 1. All policy payments to an insurer are paid pursuant to 1835 an automatic electronic funds transfer payment plan from an 1836 agent, a managing general agent, or a premium finance company 1837 and if the policy includes, at a minimum, bodily injury 1838 liability and personal injury protection pursuant to ss. 1839 627.730-627.7405; motor vehicle property damage liability coverage pursuant to s. 627.7275.; and bodily injury liability 1840 in at least the amount of \$10,000 because of bodily injury to, 1841 1842 or death of, one person in any one accident and in the amount of 1843 \$20,000 because of bodily injury to, or death of, two or more 1844 persons in any one accident. This subsection and subsection (4) 1845 do not apply if an

1846 <u>2. An</u> insured has had a policy in effect for at least 6 1847 months, the insured's agent is terminated by the insurer that 1848 issued the policy, and the insured obtains coverage on the 1849 policy's renewal date with a new company through the terminated 1850 agent.

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1851 Section 40. Sections 627.730, 627.731, 627.7311, 627.732, 1852 627.733, 627.734, 627.736, 627.737, 627.739, 627.7401, 627.7403, 1853 and 627.7405, Florida Statutes, of the "Florida Motor Vehicle 1854 No-Fault Law," are repealed. 1855 Section 41. Section 627.7407, Florida Statutes, is 1856 repealed. 1857 Section 42. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (g) of subsection (7) 1858 and paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section 627.748, Florida 1859 Statutes, are amended to read: 1860 627.748 Transportation network companies.-TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY AND TNC DRIVER (7) 1861 1862 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.-1863 The following automobile insurance requirements apply (b) 1864 while a participating TNC driver is logged on to the digital 1865 network but is not engaged in a prearranged ride: 1866 Automobile insurance that provides: 1. 1867 A primary automobile liability coverage of at least a. \$50,000 for death and bodily injury per person, \$100,000 for 1868 1869 death and bodily injury per incident, and \$25,000 for property 1870 damage; and 1871 b. Personal injury protection benefits that meet the 1872 minimum coverage amounts required under ss. 627.730-627.7405; 1873 and 1874 b. c. Uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage as required by s. 627.727. 1875

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1876 2. The coverage requirements of this paragraph may be satisfied by any of the following: 1877 1878 Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC driver; a. 1879 Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC; or b. 1880 A combination of sub-subparagraphs a. and b. с. 1881 The following automobile insurance requirements apply (C) 1882 while a TNC driver is engaged in a prearranged ride: 1883 Automobile insurance that provides: 1. 1884 A primary automobile liability coverage of at least \$1 a. 1885 million for death, bodily injury, and property damage; and 1886 Personal injury protection benefits that meet the b. 1887 minimum coverage amounts required of a limousine under ss. 627.730-627.7405; and 1888 1889 b. c. Uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage as 1890 required by s. 627.727. The coverage requirements of this paragraph may be 1891 2. 1892 satisfied by any of the following: 1893 Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC driver; a. 1894 b. Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC; or 1895 A combination of sub-subparagraphs a. and b. с. 1896 Insurance satisfying the requirements under this (q) 1897 subsection is deemed to satisfy the financial responsibility requirement for a motor vehicle under chapter 324 and the 1898 security required under s. 627.733 for any period when the TNC 1899 driver is logged onto the digital network or engaged in a 1900

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1901 prearranged ride.

1902 (8) TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY AND INSURER; 1903 DISCLOSURE; EXCLUSIONS.-

1904 (b)1. An insurer that provides an automobile liability 1905 insurance policy under this part may exclude any and all 1906 coverage afforded under the policy issued to an owner or 1907 operator of a TNC vehicle while driving that vehicle for any 1908 loss or injury that occurs while a TNC driver is logged on to a 1909 digital network or while a TNC driver provides a prearranged 1910 ride. Exclusions imposed under this subsection are limited to 1911 coverage while a TNC driver is logged on to a digital network or 1912 while a TNC driver provides a prearranged ride. This right to 1913 exclude all coverage may apply to any coverage included in an 1914 automobile insurance policy, including, but not limited to:

1915 a. Liability coverage for bodily injury and property1916 damage;

- 1917 b. Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage;
- 1918 c. Medical payments coverage;
- 1919 d. Comprehensive physical damage coverage; and
- 1920 e. Collision physical damage coverage; and

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f. Personal injury protection.

1922 2. The exclusions described in subparagraph 1. apply
1923 notwithstanding any requirement under chapter 324. These
1924 exclusions do not affect or diminish coverage otherwise
1925 available for permissive drivers or resident relatives under the

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1926 personal automobile insurance policy of the TNC driver or owner 1927 of the TNC vehicle who are not occupying the TNC vehicle at the 1928 time of loss. This section does not require that a personal automobile insurance policy provide coverage while the TNC 1930 driver is logged on to a digital network, while the TNC driver 1931 is engaged in a prearranged ride, or while the TNC driver 1932 otherwise uses a vehicle to transport riders for compensation.

1933 3. This section must not be construed to require an 1934 insurer to use any particular policy language or reference to 1935 this section in order to exclude any and all coverage for any 1936 loss or injury that occurs while a TNC driver is logged on to a 1937 digital network or while a TNC driver provides a prearranged 1938 ride.

1939 4. This section does not preclude an insurer from
1940 providing primary or excess coverage for the TNC driver's
1941 vehicle by contract or endorsement.

1942 Section 43. Section 627.8405, Florida Statutes, is amended 1943 to read:

1944 627.8405 Prohibited acts; financing companies.-<u>A</u> No
1945 premium finance company shall, in a premium finance agreement or
1946 other agreement, <u>may not</u> finance the cost of or otherwise
1947 provide for the collection or remittance of dues, assessments,
1948 fees, or other periodic payments of money for the cost of:

1949(1) A membership in an automobile club. The term1950"automobile club" means a legal entity that which, in

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1951 consideration of dues, assessments, or periodic payments of 1952 money, promises its members or subscribers to assist them in 1953 matters relating to the ownership, operation, use, or 1954 maintenance of a motor vehicle; however, the term this 1955 definition of "automobile club" does not include persons, 1956 associations, or corporations which are organized and operated 1957 solely for the purpose of conducting, sponsoring, or sanctioning 1958 motor vehicle races, exhibitions, or contests upon racetracks, 1959 or upon racecourses established and marked as such for the 1960 duration of such particular events. The term words "motor 1961 vehicle" used herein have the same meaning as defined in chapter 1962 320.

1963 (2) An accidental death and dismemberment policy sold in 1964 combination with a <u>policy providing only bodily injury liability</u> 1965 <u>coverage personal injury protection</u> and property damage 1966 <u>liability coverage</u> only policy.

1967 (3) Any product not regulated under the provisions of this1968 insurance code.

1970 This section also applies to premium financing by any insurance 1971 agent or insurance company under part XVI. The commission shall 1972 adopt rules to assure disclosure, at the time of sale, of <u>motor</u> 1973 <u>vehicle liability insurance</u> coverages financed with personal 1974 <u>injury protection</u> and shall prescribe the form of such 1975 disclosure.

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1976 Section 44. Subsection (1) of section 627.915, Florida 1977 Statutes, is amended to read:

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627.915 Insurer experience reporting.-

1979 Each insurer transacting private passenger automobile (1)1980 insurance in this state shall report certain information 1981 annually to the office. The information will be due on or before 1982 July 1 of each year. The information shall be divided into the 1983 following categories: bodily injury liability; property damage liability; uninsured motorist; personal injury protection 1984 1985 benefits; medical payments; and comprehensive and collision. The 1986 information given must shall be on direct insurance writings in 1987 the state alone and must shall represent total limits data. The 1988 information set forth in paragraphs (a)-(f) is applicable to 1989 voluntary private passenger and Joint Underwriting Association 1990 private passenger writings and shall be reported for each of the 1991 latest 3 calendar-accident years, with an evaluation date of 1992 March 31 of the current year. The information set forth in 1993 paragraphs (q) - (j) is applicable to voluntary private passenger 1994 writings and shall be reported on a calendar-accident year basis 1995 ultimately seven times at seven different stages of development. Premiums earned for the latest 3 calendar-accident 1996 (a) 1997 years. 1998 (b) Loss development factors and the historic development

1999 of those factors.

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(c) Policyholder dividends incurred.

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2001 Expenses for other acquisition and general expense. (d) 2002 Expenses for agents' commissions and taxes, licenses, (e) 2003 and fees. 2004 (f) Profit and contingency factors as utilized in the insurer's automobile rate filings for the applicable years. 2005 2006 (g) Losses paid. 2007 (h) Losses unpaid. 2008 (i) Loss adjustment expenses paid. 2009 Loss adjustment expenses unpaid. (j) 2010 Section 45. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 628.909, 2011 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 2012 628.909 Applicability of other laws.-The following provisions of the Florida Insurance Code 2013 (2) 2014 apply to captive insurance companies who are not industrial 2015 insured captive insurance companies to the extent that such 2016 provisions are not inconsistent with this part: 2017 (a) Chapter 624, except for ss. 624.407, 624.408, 624.4085, 624.40851, 624.4095, 624.411, 624.425, and 624.426. 2018 2019 (b) Chapter 625, part II. 2020 Chapter 626, part IX. (C) (d) Sections 627.730-627.7405, when no-fault coverage 2021 2022 provided. 2023 (d)(e) Chapter 628. The following provisions of the Florida Insurance Code 2024 (3) 2025 shall apply to industrial insured captive insurance companies to

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2026 the extent that such provisions are not inconsistent with this 2027 part: 2028 (a) Chapter 624, except for ss. 624.407, 624.408, 2029 624.4085, 624.40851, 624.4095, 624.411, 624.425, 624.426, and 2030 624.609(1). Chapter 625, part II, if the industrial insured 2031 (b) 2032 captive insurance company is incorporated in this state. 2033 Chapter 626, part IX. (C) (d) Sections 627.730-627.7405 when no-fault coverage 2034 2035 provided. 2036 (d) (e) Chapter 628, except for ss. 628.341, 628.351, and 628.6018. 2037 2038 Section 46. Subsections (2), (6), and (7) of section 2039 705.184, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 2040 705.184 Derelict or abandoned motor vehicles on the 2041 premises of public-use airports.-2042 (2)The airport director or the director's designee shall 2043 contact the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to 2044 notify that department that the airport has possession of the 2045 abandoned or derelict motor vehicle and to determine the name 2046 and address of the owner of the motor vehicle, the insurance 2047 company insuring the motor vehicle, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, and any person who has filed a lien on 2048 2049 the motor vehicle. Within 7 business days after receipt of the information, the director or the director's designee shall send 2050

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2051 notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner 2052 of the motor vehicle, the insurance company insuring the motor 2053 vehicle, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, and all 2054 persons of record claiming a lien against the motor vehicle. The 2055 notice shall state the fact of possession of the motor vehicle, 2056 that charges for reasonable towing, storage, and parking fees, 2057 if any, have accrued and the amount thereof, that a lien as 2058 provided in subsection (6) will be claimed, that the lien is 2059 subject to enforcement pursuant to law, that the owner or 2060 lienholder, if any, has the right to a hearing as set forth in 2061 subsection (4), and that any motor vehicle which, at the end of 2062 30 calendar days after receipt of the notice, has not been 2063 removed from the airport upon payment in full of all accrued 2064 charges for reasonable towing, storage, and parking fees, if 2065 any, may be disposed of as provided in s. 705.182(2)(a), (b), 2066 (d), or (e), including, but not limited to, the motor vehicle 2067 being sold free of all prior liens after 35 calendar days after 2068 the time the motor vehicle is stored if any prior liens on the 2069 motor vehicle are more than 5 years of age or after 50 calendar 2070 days after the time the motor vehicle is stored if any prior 2071 liens on the motor vehicle are 5 years of age or less.

(6) The airport pursuant to this section or, if used, a licensed independent wrecker company pursuant to s. 713.78 shall have a lien on an abandoned or derelict motor vehicle for all reasonable towing, storage, and accrued parking fees, if any,

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2076 except that no storage fee shall be charged if the motor vehicle 2077 is stored less than 6 hours. As a prerequisite to perfecting a 2078 lien under this section, the airport director or the director's 2079 designee must serve a notice in accordance with subsection (2) 2080 on the owner of the motor vehicle, the insurance company 2081 insuring the motor vehicle, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 2082 627.736, and all persons of record claiming a lien against the 2083 motor vehicle. If attempts to notify the owner, the insurance 2084 company insuring the motor vehicle, notwithstanding the 2085 provisions of s. 627.736, or lienholders are not successful, the requirement of notice by mail shall be considered met. Serving 2086 2087 of the notice does not dispense with recording the claim of 2088 lien.

2089 (7) (a) For the purpose of perfecting its lien under this 2090 section, the airport shall record a claim of lien which shall 2091 state:

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1. The name and address of the airport.

2093 2. The name of the owner of the motor vehicle, the 2094 insurance company insuring the motor vehicle, notwithstanding 2095 the provisions of s. 627.736, and all persons of record claiming 2096 a lien against the motor vehicle.

2097 3. The costs incurred from reasonable towing, storage, and 2098 parking fees, if any.

2099 4. A description of the motor vehicle sufficient for2100 identification.

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2101 (b) The claim of lien shall be signed and sworn to or affirmed by the airport director or the director's designee. 2102 2103 (C) The claim of lien shall be sufficient if it is in 2104 substantially the following form: 2105 CLAIM OF LIEN 2106 State of 2107 County of Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared 2108 2109, who was duly sworn and says that he/she is the 2110 of; whose address is.....; and that the following described motor vehicle: 2111 2112 ... (Description of motor vehicle) ... 2113 owned by, whose address is, has accrued 2114 \$..... in fees for a reasonable tow, for storage, and for 2115 parking, if applicable; that the lienor served its notice to the 2116 owner, the insurance company insuring the motor vehicle 2117 notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, Florida Statutes, 2118 and all persons of record claiming a lien against the motor 2119 vehicle on, ... (year)..., by..... 2120 ... (Signature) ... 2121 Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this day of 2122, ... (year)..., by ... (name of person making statement).... ... (Signature of Notary Public) ... (Print, Type, or Stamp 2123 Commissioned name of Notary Public) ... 2124 2125 Personally Known....OR Produced....as identification.

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However, the negligent inclusion or omission of any information in this claim of lien which does not prejudice the owner does not constitute a default that operates to defeat an otherwise valid lien.

2130 (d) The claim of lien shall be served on the owner of the 2131 motor vehicle, the insurance company insuring the motor vehicle, 2132 notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, and all persons of 2133 record claiming a lien against the motor vehicle. If attempts to 2134 notify the owner, the insurance company insuring the motor vehicle notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, or 2135 lienholders are not successful, the requirement of notice by 2136 2137 mail shall be considered met. The claim of lien shall be so served before recordation. 2138

(e) The claim of lien shall be recorded with the clerk of court in the county where the airport is located. The recording of the claim of lien shall be constructive notice to all persons of the contents and effect of such claim. The lien shall attach at the time of recordation and shall take priority as of that time.

2145 Section 47. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (4) 2146 of section 713.78, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2147 713.78 Liens for recovering, towing, or storing vehicles 2148 and vessels.—

(4) (a) Any person regularly engaged in the business of recovering, towing, or storing vehicles or vessels who comes

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2151 into possession of a vehicle or vessel pursuant to subsection 2152 (2), and who claims a lien for recovery, towing, or storage 2153 services, shall give notice to the registered owner, the 2154 insurance company insuring the vehicle notwithstanding the 2155 provisions of s. 627.736, and to all persons claiming a lien 2156 thereon, as disclosed by the records in the Department of 2157 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or as disclosed by the records 2158 of any corresponding agency in any other state in which the 2159 vehicle is identified through a records check of the National 2160 Motor Vehicle Title Information System or an equivalent commercially available system as being titled or registered. 2161

2162 Whenever any law enforcement agency authorizes the (b) 2163 removal of a vehicle or vessel or whenever any towing service, 2164 garage, repair shop, or automotive service, storage, or parking 2165 place notifies the law enforcement agency of possession of a vehicle or vessel pursuant to s. 715.07(2)(a)2., the law 2166 2167 enforcement agency of the jurisdiction where the vehicle or 2168 vessel is stored shall contact the Department of Highway Safety 2169 and Motor Vehicles, or the appropriate agency of the state of 2170 registration, if known, within 24 hours through the medium of 2171 electronic communications, giving the full description of the 2172 vehicle or vessel. Upon receipt of the full description of the 2173 vehicle or vessel, the department shall search its files to determine the owner's name, the insurance company insuring the 2174 2175 vehicle or vessel, and whether any person has filed a lien upon

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2176 the vehicle or vessel as provided in s. 319.27(2) and (3) and 2177 notify the applicable law enforcement agency within 72 hours. 2178 The person in charge of the towing service, garage, repair shop, 2179 or automotive service, storage, or parking place shall obtain 2180 such information from the applicable law enforcement agency 2181 within 5 days after the date of storage and shall give notice 2182 pursuant to paragraph (a). The department may release the 2183 insurance company information to the requestor notwithstanding 2184 the provisions of s. 627.736.

2185 (C) Notice by certified mail shall be sent within 7 2186 business days after the date of storage of the vehicle or vessel 2187 to the registered owner, the insurance company insuring the 2188 vehicle notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, and all 2189 persons of record claiming a lien against the vehicle or vessel. 2190 It shall state the fact of possession of the vehicle or vessel, that a lien as provided in subsection (2) is claimed, that 2191 2192 charges have accrued and the amount thereof, that the lien is 2193 subject to enforcement pursuant to law, and that the owner or 2194 lienholder, if any, has the right to a hearing as set forth in 2195 subsection (5), and that any vehicle or vessel which remains 2196 unclaimed, or for which the charges for recovery, towing, or storage services remain unpaid, may be sold free of all prior 2197 2198 liens after 35 days if the vehicle or vessel is more than 3 years of age or after 50 days if the vehicle or vessel is 3 2199 2200 years of age or less.

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2201 Section 48. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1), paragraph (c) 2202 of subsection (7), and subsections (8), (9), and (10) of section 2203 817.234, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 2204 817.234 False and fraudulent insurance claims.-2205 (1) (a) A person commits insurance fraud punishable as 2206 provided in subsection (11) if that person, with the intent to 2207 injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer: 2208 Presents or causes to be presented any written or oral 1. 2209 statement as part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or 2210 other benefit pursuant to an insurance policy or a health 2211 maintenance organization subscriber or provider contract, 2212 knowing that such statement contains any false, incomplete, or 2213 misleading information concerning any fact or thing material to 2214 such claim; 2215 2. Prepares or makes any written or oral statement that is 2216 intended to be presented to any insurer in connection with, or 2217 in support of, any claim for payment or other benefit pursuant 2218 to an insurance policy or a health maintenance organization 2219 subscriber or provider contract, knowing that such statement 2220 contains any false, incomplete, or misleading information 2221 concerning any fact or thing material to such claim; 2222 3.a. Knowingly presents, causes to be presented, or

2222 prepares or makes with knowledge or belief that it will be 2224 presented to any insurer, purported insurer, servicing 2225 corporation, insurance broker, or insurance agent, or any

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employee or agent thereof, any false, incomplete, or misleading information or written or oral statement as part of, or in support of, an application for the issuance of, or the rating of, any insurance policy, or a health maintenance organization subscriber or provider contract; or

2231 b. Knowingly conceals information concerning any fact 2232 material to such application; or

2233 Knowingly presents, causes to be presented, or prepares 4. 2234 or makes with knowledge or belief that it will be presented to 2235 any insurer a claim for payment or other benefit under a motor 2236 vehicle personal injury protection insurance policy if the 2237 person knows that the payee knowingly submitted a false, 2238 misleading, or fraudulent application or other document when 2239 applying for licensure as a health care clinic, seeking an 2240 exemption from licensure as a health care clinic, or 2241 demonstrating compliance with part X of chapter 400.

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2243 An insurer, or any person acting at the direction of (C) 2244 or on behalf of an insurer, may not change an opinion in a 2245 mental or physical report prepared under s. 627.736(7) or direct 2246 the physician preparing the report to change such opinion; 2247 however, this provision does not preclude the insurer from 2248 calling to the attention of the physician errors of fact in the report based upon information in the claim file. Any person who 2249 2250 violates this paragraph commits a felony of the third degree,

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2251 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 2252 It is unlawful for any person intending to defraud (8)(a) 2253 any other person to solicit or cause to be solicited any 2254 business from a person involved in a motor vehicle accident for 2255 the purpose of making, adjusting, or settling motor vehicle tort 2256 claims or claims for personal injury protection benefits 2257 required by s. 627.736. Any person who violates the provisions 2258 of this paragraph commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 2259 2260 A person who is convicted of a violation of this subsection 2261 shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 2 years.

2262 A person may not solicit or cause to be solicited any (b) 2263 business from a person involved in a motor vehicle accident by 2264 any means of communication other than advertising directed to 2265 the public for the purpose of making motor vehicle tort claims 2266 or claims for personal injury protection benefits required by s. 2267 627.736, within 60 days after the occurrence of the motor 2268 vehicle accident. Any person who violates this paragraph commits 2269 a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 2270 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(c) A lawyer, health care practitioner as defined in s.
456.001, or owner or medical director of a clinic required to be
licensed pursuant to s. 400.9905 may not, at any time after 60
days have elapsed from the occurrence of a motor vehicle
accident, solicit or cause to be solicited any business from a

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2276 person involved in a motor vehicle accident by means of in 2277 person or telephone contact at the person's residence, for the 2278 purpose of making motor vehicle tort claims or claims for 2279 personal injury protection benefits required by s. 627.736. Any 2280 person who violates this paragraph commits a felony of the third 2281 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 2282 775.084.

(d) Charges for any services rendered by any person who violates this subsection in regard to the person for whom such services were rendered are noncompensable and unenforceable as a matter of law.

2287 (9) A person may not organize, plan, or knowingly 2288 participate in an intentional motor vehicle accident erash or a 2289 scheme to create documentation of a motor vehicle accident crash 2290 that did not occur for the purpose of making motor vehicle tort 2291 claims or claims for personal injury protection benefits as 2292 required by s. 627.736. Any person who violates this subsection 2293 commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in 2294 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. A person who is convicted 2295 of a violation of this subsection shall be sentenced to a 2296 minimum term of imprisonment of 2 years.

(10) A licensed health care practitioner who is found guilty of insurance fraud under this section for an act relating to a <u>motor vehicle</u> personal injury protection insurance policy loses his or her license to practice for 5 years and may not

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2301 receive reimbursement for <u>motor vehicle insurance coverage</u> 2302 personal injury protection benefits for 10 years. 2303 Section 49. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this 2304 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon 2305 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect January 1, 2306 2019.

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