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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to law enforcement vehicles; amending
3 s. 338.155, F.S.; exempting a law enforcement officer
4 operating an official vehicle, rather than only a
5 marked official vehicle, while on official law
6 enforcement business from paying the toll at a toll
7 facility; providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 338.155, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 338.155 Payment of toll on toll facilities required;
14 exemptions.—

15 (1) A person may not use any toll facility without payment
16 of tolls, except employees of the agency operating the toll
17 project when using the toll facility on official state business,
18 state military personnel while on official military business,
19 handicapped persons as provided in this section, persons exempt
20 from toll payment by the authorizing resolution for bonds issued
21 to finance the facility, and persons exempt on a temporary basis
22 where use of such toll facility is required as a detour route.
23 Any law enforcement officer operating an ~~a marked~~ official
24 vehicle is exempt from toll payment when on official law
25 enforcement business. Any person operating a fire vehicle when
26 on official business or a rescue vehicle when on official
27 business is exempt from toll payment. Any person participating
28 in the funeral procession of a law enforcement officer or
29 firefighter killed in the line of duty is exempt from toll

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30 payment. The secretary or the secretary's designee may suspend
31 the payment of tolls on a toll facility when necessary to assist
32 in emergency evacuation. The failure to pay a prescribed toll
33 constitutes a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a
34 moving violation as provided in s. 318.18. The department may
35 adopt rules relating to the payment, collection, and enforcement
36 of tolls, as authorized in this chapter and chapters 316, 318,
37 320, and 322, including, but not limited to, rules for the
38 implementation of video or other image billing and variable
39 pricing. With respect to toll facilities managed by the
40 department, the revenues of which are not pledged to repayment
41 of bonds, the department may by rule allow the use of such
42 facilities by public transit vehicles or by vehicles
43 participating in a funeral procession for an active-duty
44 military service member without the payment of tolls.

45 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.