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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety
3 and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 319.40, F.S.;
4 authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
5 Vehicles or its authorized agents to collect
6 electronic mail addresses and use electronic mail for
7 certain purposes; requiring that all electronic mail
8 addresses be made available to the department or its
9 authorized agents upon request; amending ss. 320.95
10 and 322.08, F.S.; authorizing the department or its
11 authorized agents to collect electronic mail addresses
12 or verified texting numbers and use electronic mail or
13 text messages in lieu of the United States Postal
14 Service for certain purposes; requiring that all
15 electronic mail addresses be made available to the
16 department or its authorized agents upon request;
17 amending s. 328.30, F.S.; limiting the applications
18 the department may accept by electronic or telephonic
19 means; authorizing the department or its authorized
20 agents to collect electronic mail addresses or
21 verified texting numbers and use electronic mail or
22 text messages in lieu of the United States Postal
23 Service for certain purposes; requiring that all
24 electronic mail addresses be made available to the
25 department or its authorized agents upon request;
26 amending s. 328.40, F.S.; requiring that certain
27 records made or kept by the department be subject to
28 inspection and copying; amending s. 328.80, F.S.;
29 authorizing the department, instead of the Fish and

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30 Wildlife Conservation Commission, to accept certain
31 applications by electronic or telephonic means;
32 authorizing the department or its authorized agents to
33 collect electronic mail addresses or verified texting
34 numbers and use electronic mail or text messages in
35 lieu of the United States Postal Service for certain
36 purposes; requiring that all electronic mail addresses
37 be made available to the department or its authorized
38 agents upon request; providing an effective date.
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40 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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42 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 319.40, Florida
43 Statutes, is amended to read:

44 319.40 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

45 (3) The department or its authorized agents may collect
46 electronic mail addresses and use electronic mail for purposes
47 of this chapter, including, but not limited to, use of
48 electronic mail in lieu of the United States Postal Service as a
49 method of notification. All electronic mail addresses shall be
50 made available to the department or its authorized agents upon
51 request. However, any notice regarding the potential forfeiture
52 or foreclosure of an interest in property must be sent via the
53 United States Postal Service.

54 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 320.95, Florida
55 Statutes, is amended to read:

56 320.95 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

57 (2) The department or its authorized agents may collect
58 electronic mail addresses or verified texting numbers and use

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59 electronic mail or text messages in lieu of the United States
60 Postal Service for the purpose of providing information,
61 including, but not limited to, renewal notices, appointment
62 scheduling information, tax collector office locations, hours of
63 operation, contact information, driving skills testing
64 locations, and website information. All electronic mail
65 addresses shall be made available to the department or its
66 authorized agents upon request ~~renewal notices.~~

67 Section 3. Subsection (10) of section 322.08, Florida
68 Statutes, is amended to read:

69 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license
70 and identification card forms.—

71 (10) The department or its authorized agents may collect
72 electronic mail addresses or verified texting numbers and use
73 electronic mail or text messages in lieu of the United States
74 Postal Service for the purpose of providing information,
75 including, but not limited to, renewal notices, appointment
76 scheduling information, tax collector office locations, hours of
77 operation, contact information, driving skills testing
78 locations, and website information. All electronic mail
79 addresses shall be made available to the department or its
80 authorized agents upon request ~~renewal notices.~~

81 Section 4. Section 328.30, Florida Statutes, is amended to
82 read:

83 328.30 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

84 (1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may
85 accept any application provided for under this part ~~chapter~~ by
86 electronic or telephonic means.

87 (2) The department may issue an electronic certificate of

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88 title in lieu of printing a paper title.

89 (3) The department or its authorized agents may collect
90 electronic mail addresses or verified texting numbers and use
91 electronic mail or text messages in lieu of the United States
92 Postal Service for the purpose of providing information,
93 including, but not limited to, renewal notices, appointment
94 scheduling information, tax collector office locations, hours of
95 operation, contact information, and website information. All
96 electronic mail addresses shall be made available to the
97 department or its authorized agents upon request ~~renewal~~
98 ~~notices.~~

99 Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 328.40, Florida
100 Statutes, is amended to read:

101 328.40 Administration of vessel registration and titling
102 laws; records.—

103 (3) All records made or kept by the Department of Highway
104 Safety and Motor Vehicles under this part are subject to
105 inspection and copying as provided in chapter 119 ~~law are public~~
106 ~~records except for confidential reports.~~

107 Section 6. Section 328.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to
108 read:

109 328.80 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

110 (1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
111 ~~commission~~ is authorized to accept any application provided for
112 under this part ~~chapter~~ by electronic or telephonic means.

113 (2) The department or its authorized agents may collect
114 electronic mail addresses or verified texting numbers and use
115 electronic mail or text messages in lieu of the United States
116 Postal Service for the purpose of providing information under

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117 this part, including, but not limited to, renewal notices,
118 appointment scheduling information, tax collector office
119 locations, hours of operation, and contact information. All
120 electronic mail addresses shall be made available to the
121 department or its authorized agents upon request.

122 Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.