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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Rules (Lee) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 25 and 26
insert:

Section 1. Present subsections (55) through (101) of s. 316.003, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (56) through (102), respectively, new subsection (55) is added to that section, and present subsection (59) of that section is amended, to read:

316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively



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12 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
13 otherwise requires:

14 (55) PLATOON.—A group of no more than two trucks that do
15 not require placards, either laden or unladen, traveling in a
16 unified manner using wireless vehicle-to-vehicle communications
17 that electronically coordinate speeds and following distances of
18 the trucks.

19 (60) ~~(59)~~ PRIVATE ROAD OR DRIVEWAY.—Except as otherwise
20 provided in paragraph (82) (b) ~~(81) (b)~~, any privately owned way
21 or place used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having
22 express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other
23 persons.

24 Section 2. Section 316.0896, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

25 Section 3. Section 316.0897, Florida Statutes, is created
26 to read:

27 316.0897 Platoons.—

28 (1) Section 316.0895 does not apply to the operator of a
29 nonlead vehicle in a platoon.

30 (2) A platoon may be operated on a roadway in this state
31 after an operator provides notification to the Department of
32 Transportation and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
33 Vehicles.

34 Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 316.303, Florida
35 Statutes, is amended to read:

36 316.303 Television receivers.—

37 (3) This section does not prohibit the use of an electronic
38 display used in conjunction with a vehicle navigation system; an
39 electronic display used by an operator of a vehicle equipped
40 with autonomous technology, as defined in s. 316.003(3); or an



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41 electronic display used by an operator of the nonlead a vehicle
42 in a platoon operating on a roadway in this state ~~equipped and~~
43 ~~operating with driver-assistive truck platooning technology, as~~
44 ~~defined in s. 316.003.~~

45 Section 5. Subsection (24) of section 320.01, Florida
46 Statutes, is amended to read:

47 320.01 Definitions, general.—As used in the Florida
48 Statutes, except as otherwise provided, the term:

49 (24) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle, except
50 recreational vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates,
51 city pickup and delivery vehicles, ~~buses used in transportation~~
52 ~~of chartered parties,~~ and government-owned vehicles, which is
53 used or intended for use in two or more member jurisdictions
54 that allocate or proportionally register vehicles and which is
55 used for the transportation of persons for hire or is designed,
56 used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property
57 and:

58 (a) Is a power unit having a gross vehicle weight in excess
59 of 26,000 pounds;

60 (b) Is a power unit having three or more axles, regardless
61 of weight; or

62 (c) Is used in combination, when the weight of such
63 combination exceeds 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.

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65 Vehicles, or combinations thereof, having a gross vehicle weight
66 of 26,000 pounds or less and two-axle vehicles may be
67 proportionally registered.

68 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
69 320.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:



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70 320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and
71 validation stickers generally.—

72 (1)

73 (b)1. Registration license plates bearing a graphic symbol
74 and the alphanumeric system of identification shall be issued
75 for a 10-year period. At the end of the 10-year period, upon
76 renewal, the plate shall be replaced. The department shall
77 extend the scheduled license plate replacement date from a 6-
78 year period to a 10-year period. The fee for such replacement is
79 \$28, \$2.80 of which shall be paid each year before the plate is
80 replaced, to be credited toward the next \$28 replacement fee.
81 The fees shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating
82 Trust Fund. A credit or refund may not be given for any prior
83 years' payments of the prorated replacement fee if the plate is
84 replaced or surrendered before the end of the 10-year period,
85 except that a credit may be given if a registrant is required by
86 the department to replace a license plate under s.

87 320.08056(8) (a). With each license plate, a validation sticker
88 shall be issued showing the owner's birth month, license plate
89 number, and the year of expiration or the appropriate renewal
90 period if the owner is not a natural person. The validation
91 sticker shall be placed on the upper right corner of the license
92 plate. The license plate and validation sticker shall be issued
93 based on the applicant's appropriate renewal period. The
94 registration period is 12 months, the extended registration
95 period is 24 months, and all expirations occur based on the
96 applicant's appropriate registration period.

97 2. A vehicle that has an apportioned registration shall be
98 issued an annual license plate and a cab card denoting ~~that~~



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99 ~~denote~~ the declared gross vehicle weight for each apportioned
100 jurisdiction ~~in which the vehicle is authorized to operate.~~ This
101 subparagraph expires January 1, 2023.

102 3. Upon implementation of a new operating system for
103 apportioned vehicle registration, a vehicle registered in
104 accordance with the International Registration Plan shall be
105 issued a license plate for a 5-year period, an annual cab card
106 denoting the declared gross vehicle weight for each apportioned
107 jurisdiction, and an annual validation sticker showing the month
108 and year of expiration. The validation sticker shall be placed
109 in the center of the license plate. The license plate and
110 validation sticker shall be issued based on the applicant's
111 appropriate renewal period. The registration period is 12
112 months. The fee for the initial validation sticker and any
113 renewed validation sticker is \$28. This fee shall be deposited
114 into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. A damaged or worn
115 license plate may be replaced at no charge by applying to the
116 department and surrendering the current license plate.

117 4.2. In order to retain the efficient administration of the
118 taxes and fees imposed by this chapter, the 80-cent fee increase
119 in the replacement fee imposed by chapter 2009-71, Laws of
120 Florida, is negated as provided in s. 320.0804.

121 Section 7. Subsection (5) of section 320.0607, Florida
122 Statutes, is amended to read:

123 320.0607 Replacement license plates, validation decal, or
124 mobile home sticker.—

125 (5) Upon the issuance of an original license plate, the
126 applicant shall pay a fee of \$28 to be deposited in the Highway
127 Safety Operating Trust Fund. Upon implementation of a new



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128 operating system for apportioned vehicle registrations, this
129 subsection does not apply to a vehicle registered under the
130 International Registration Plan.

131 Section 8. Subsection (10) is added to section 320.131,
132 Florida Statutes, to read:

133 320.131 Temporary tags.—

134 (10) The department may partner with a county tax collector
135 to conduct a Fleet Vehicle Temporary Tag Pilot Program to
136 provide temporary tags to fleet companies to allow them to
137 operate fleet vehicles awaiting a permanent registration and
138 title.

139 (a) The department shall enter into a memorandum of
140 understanding that allows up to 10 companies to participate in
141 the pilot program and to receive multiple temporary tags for
142 company fleet vehicles.

143 (b) To participate in the program, a fleet company must
144 have at least 3,500 fleet vehicles registered in this state
145 which qualify to be registered as fleet vehicles pursuant to s.
146 320.0657.

147 (c) The department, upon the request of an eligible fleet
148 company, may issue up to 50 temporary tags per request to such
149 company.

150 (d) A temporary tag issued under this subsection is for
151 exclusive use on a vehicle purchased for the company's fleet and
152 may not be used on any other vehicle.

153 (e) Each temporary tag may be used on only one vehicle, and
154 each vehicle may use only one temporary tag.

155 (f) Upon issuance of the vehicle's permanent license plate
156 and registration, the temporary tag becomes invalid and must be



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157 removed from the vehicle and destroyed.

158 (g) Upon a finding by the department that a temporary tag
159 has been misused by a fleet company under the program, the
160 department may terminate the memorandum of understanding with
161 the company, invalidate all temporary tags issued to the company
162 under the program, and require such company to return any unused
163 temporary tags.

164 (h) The issuance of a tag using this method must be
165 reported to the department within 2 business days, not including
166 weekends or state holidays, after the issuance of the tag. The
167 county tax collector shall keep a record of each temporary tag
168 issued. The record must include the date of issuance, tag number
169 issued, vehicle identification number, and vehicle description.

170 (i) This subsection is repealed October 1, 2022, unless
171 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

172 Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 322.61, Florida
173 Statutes, is amended to read:

174 322.61 Disqualification from operating a commercial motor
175 vehicle.—

176 (1) A person who, for offenses occurring within a 3-year
177 period, is convicted of two of the following serious traffic
178 violations or any combination thereof, arising in separate
179 incidents committed in a commercial motor vehicle shall, in
180 addition to any other applicable penalties, be disqualified from
181 operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of 60 days. A
182 holder of a commercial driver license or commercial learner's
183 permit who, for offenses occurring within a 3-year period, is
184 convicted of two of the following serious traffic violations, or
185 any combination thereof, arising in separate incidents committed



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186 in a noncommercial motor vehicle shall, in addition to any other
187 applicable penalties, be disqualified from operating a
188 commercial motor vehicle for a period of 60 days if such
189 convictions result in the suspension, revocation, or
190 cancellation of the licenseholder's driving privilege:

191 (a) A violation of any state or local law relating to motor
192 vehicle traffic control, other than a parking violation, arising
193 in connection with a crash resulting in death.~~†~~

194 (b) Reckless driving, as defined in s. 316.192.~~†~~

195 (c) Unlawful speed of 15 miles per hour or more above the
196 posted speed limit.~~;~~

197 (d) Improper lane change, as defined in s. 316.085.~~†~~

198 (e) Following too closely, as defined in s. 316.0895.~~†~~

199 (f) Driving a commercial vehicle without obtaining a
200 commercial driver license.~~†~~

201 (g) Driving a commercial vehicle without the proper class
202 of commercial driver license or commercial learner's permit or
203 without the proper endorsement.~~†~~~~or~~

204 (h) Driving a commercial vehicle without a commercial
205 driver license or commercial learner's permit in possession, as
206 required by s. 322.03.

207 (i) Texting while driving a commercial motor vehicle as
208 prohibited by 49 C.F.R. s. 392.80.

209 (j) Using a hand-held mobile telephone while driving a
210 commercial motor vehicle, as prohibited by 49 C.F.R. s. 392.82.

212 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

213 And the title is amended as follows:

214 Between lines 2 and 3



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215 insert:
216 s. 316.003, F.S.; revising and defining terms;
217 conforming a cross-reference; repealing s. 316.0896,
218 F.S., relating to the assistive truck platooning
219 technology pilot project; creating s. 316.0897, F.S.;
220 exempting the operator of a nonlead vehicle in a
221 platoon from provisions relating to following too
222 closely; authorizing a platoon to be operated on a
223 roadway in this state after an operator provides
224 notification to the Department of Transportation and
225 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles;
226 amending s. 316.303, F.S.; exempting an operator of a
227 certain platoon vehicle from the prohibition on the
228 active display of television or video; amending s.
229 320.01, F.S.; redefining the term "apportionable
230 vehicle"; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; providing for
231 future repeal of requirements for vehicles that have
232 apportioned registrations; providing requirements for
233 certain vehicles that have apportioned registrations
234 upon implementation of a certain operating system;
235 providing a specified fee for an initial validation
236 sticker and any renewed validation sticker; requiring
237 that the fee be deposited into the Highway Safety
238 Operating Trust Fund; authorizing certain license
239 plates to be replaced at no charge; amending s.
240 320.0607, F.S.; providing applicability; amending s.
241 320.131, F.S.; authorizing the department to partner
242 with a county tax collector to conduct a Fleet Vehicle
243 Temporary Tag Pilot Program for certain purposes;



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244 providing program requirements; providing for future
245 repeal; amending s. 322.61, F.S.; adding violations
246 that disqualify a person from operating a commercial
247 motor vehicle; amending