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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Appropriations Committee  
 2 Representative Renner offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 390-830 and insert:

6 Section 1. Effective July 1, 2019, paragraph (c) is added  
 7 to subsection (4) and paragraph (e) is added to subsection (5)  
 8 of section 16.555, Florida Statutes, to read:

9 16.555 Crime Stoppers Trust Fund; rulemaking.-

10 (4)

11 (c) After initial distribution of funds to the judicial  
 12 circuit in which they were collected, up to 50 percent of the  
 13 unencumbered funds returned to the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund  
 14 from that circuit from a previous grant year, may, in subsequent  
 15 grant years, be reallocated to other judicial circuits for  
 16 special crime stoppers initiatives or other programs of the

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17 Florida Association of Crime Stoppers, as prioritized and  
18 determined by the department and the Florida Association of  
19 Crime Stoppers.

20 (5)

21 (e) A county that is awarded a grant under this section  
22 may use such funds to pay rewards for tips that result in any of  
23 the following:

24 1. An arrest.

25 2. Recovery of stolen property.

26 3. Recovery of illegal narcotics.

27 4. Recovery of the body of a homicide victim.

28 5. Recovery of a human trafficking victim or a missing  
29 person connected to criminal activity.

30 6. Recovery of an illegal firearm or an illegal weapon on  
31 a K-12 school campus.

32 7. Prevention of a terrorist act.

33 8. Solving and closing a homicide or other violent felony  
34 offense that remains unsolved for 1 year or more after being  
35 reported to a law enforcement agency and that has no viable and  
36 unexplored investigatory leads.

37 Section 2. Section 16.557, Florida Statutes, is created to  
38 read:

39 16.557 Crime stoppers organizations; disclosure of  
40 privileged communications or protected information.-

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

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42 (a) "Crime stoppers organization" means a private not-for-  
43 profit organization that collects and expends donations for  
44 rewards to persons who report to the organization information  
45 concerning criminal activity and forwards that information to  
46 appropriate law enforcement agencies.

47 (b) "Privileged communication" means the act of providing  
48 information to a crime stoppers organization for the purpose of  
49 reporting alleged criminal activity.

50 (c) "Protected information" includes the identity of a  
51 person who engages in privileged communication with a crime  
52 stoppers program and any records, recordings, oral or written  
53 statements, papers, documents, or other tangible things provided  
54 to or collected by a crime stoppers organization, a law  
55 enforcement crime stoppers coordinator or his or her staff, or a  
56 law enforcement agency in connection with such privileged  
57 communication.

58 (2) (a) Except pursuant to criminal discovery or as  
59 provided in paragraph (b), a person who discloses a privileged  
60 communication or protected information or any information  
61 concerning a privileged communication or protected information  
62 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in  
63 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

64 (b) This subsection does not apply to:

65 1. The person who provides the privileged communication or  
66 protected information; or

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67           2. A law enforcement officer or an employee of a law  
68 enforcement agency or the Department of Legal Affairs when  
69 acting within the scope of his or her official duties.

70           (c) This subsection does not limit the right of any  
71 criminal defendant to criminal discovery.

72           Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 212.15, Florida  
73 Statutes, is amended to read:

74           212.15 Taxes declared state funds; penalties for failure to  
75 remit taxes; due and delinquent dates; judicial review.—

76           (2) Any person who, with intent to unlawfully deprive or  
77 defraud the state of its moneys or the use or benefit thereof,  
78 fails to remit taxes collected under this chapter commits is  
79 ~~guilty of~~ theft of state funds, punishable as follows:

80           (a) If the total amount of stolen revenue is less than  
81 \$1,000 ~~\$300~~, the offense is a misdemeanor of the second degree,  
82 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Upon a  
83 second conviction, the offender commits is ~~guilty of~~ a  
84 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.  
85 775.082 or s. 775.083. Upon a third or subsequent conviction,  
86 the offender commits is ~~guilty of~~ a felony of the third degree,  
87 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

88           (b) If the total amount of stolen revenue is \$1,000 ~~\$300~~  
89 or more, but less than \$20,000, the offense is a felony of the  
90 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
91 or s. 775.084.

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92 (c) If the total amount of stolen revenue is \$20,000 or  
93 more, but less than \$100,000, the offense is a felony of the  
94 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
95 or s. 775.084.

96 (d) If the total amount of stolen revenue is \$100,000 or  
97 more, the offense is a felony of the first degree, punishable as  
98 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

99 Section 4. Subsections (41), (42), (43), (44), (45), and  
100 (46) of section 322.01, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as  
101 subsections (42), (43), (44), (45), (46), and (47),  
102 respectively, and subsection (41) is added to that section, to  
103 read:

104 322.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

105 (41) "Suspension or revocation equivalent status" is a  
106 designation for a person who does not have a driver license or  
107 driving privilege but would qualify for suspension or revocation  
108 of his or her driver license or driving privilege if licensed.  
109 The department may designate a person as having suspension or  
110 revocation equivalent status in the same manner as it is  
111 authorized to suspend or revoke a driver license or driving  
112 privilege by law.

113 Section 5. Subsections (1) through (4) of section 322.055,  
114 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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115 322.055 Revocation or suspension of, or delay of  
116 eligibility for, driver license for persons 18 years of age or  
117 older convicted of certain drug offenses.-

118 (1) Notwithstanding s. 322.28, upon the conviction of a  
119 person 18 years of age or older for possession or sale of,  
120 trafficking in, or conspiracy to possess, sell, or traffic in a  
121 controlled substance, the court shall direct the department to  
122 suspend ~~revoke~~ the person's driver license or driving privilege  
123 ~~of the person~~. The suspension ~~period of such revocation~~ shall be  
124 6 months ~~1 year~~ or until the person is evaluated for and, if  
125 deemed necessary by the evaluating agency, completes a drug  
126 treatment and rehabilitation program approved or regulated by  
127 the Department of Children and Families. However, the court may,  
128 upon finding a compelling circumstance to warrant an exception  
129 ~~in its sound discretion~~, direct the department to issue a  
130 license for driving privilege restricted to business or  
131 employment purposes only, as defined by s. 322.271, if the  
132 person is otherwise qualified for such a license. ~~A driver whose~~  
133 ~~license or driving privilege has been suspended or revoked under~~  
134 ~~this section or s. 322.056 may, upon the expiration of 6 months,~~  
135 ~~petition the department for restoration of the driving privilege~~  
136 ~~on a restricted or unrestricted basis depending on length of~~  
137 ~~suspension or revocation. In no case shall a restricted license~~  
138 ~~be available until 6 months of the suspension or revocation~~  
139 ~~period has expired.~~

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140 (2) If a person 18 years of age or older is convicted for  
141 the possession or sale of, trafficking in, or conspiracy to  
142 possess, sell, or traffic in a controlled substance and such  
143 person is eligible by reason of age for a driver license or  
144 privilege, the court shall direct the department to withhold  
145 issuance of such person's driver license or driving privilege  
146 for a period of 6 months ~~1 year~~ after the date the person was  
147 convicted or until the person is evaluated for and, if deemed  
148 necessary by the evaluating agency, completes a drug treatment  
149 and rehabilitation program approved or regulated by the  
150 Department of Children and Families. However, the court may,  
151 upon finding a compelling circumstance to warrant an exception  
152 ~~in its sound discretion~~, direct the department to issue a  
153 license for driving privilege restricted to business or  
154 employment purposes only, as defined by s. 322.271, if the  
155 person is otherwise qualified for such a license. ~~A driver whose~~  
156 ~~license or driving privilege has been suspended or revoked under~~  
157 ~~this section or s. 322.056 may, upon the expiration of 6 months,~~  
158 ~~petition the department for restoration of the driving privilege~~  
159 ~~on a restricted or unrestricted basis depending on the length of~~  
160 ~~suspension or revocation. In no case shall a restricted license~~  
161 ~~be available until 6 months of the suspension or revocation~~  
162 ~~period has expired.~~

163 (3) If a person 18 years of age or older is convicted for  
164 the possession or sale of, trafficking in, or conspiracy to

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165 possess, sell, or traffic in a controlled substance and such  
166 person's driver license or driving privilege is already under  
167 suspension or revocation for any reason, the court shall direct  
168 the department to extend the period of such suspension or  
169 revocation by an additional period of 6 months ~~1 year~~ or until  
170 the person is evaluated for and, if deemed necessary by the  
171 evaluating agency, completes a drug treatment and rehabilitation  
172 program approved or regulated by the Department of Children and  
173 Families. However, the court may, upon finding a compelling  
174 circumstance to warrant an exception ~~in its sound discretion,~~  
175 direct the department to issue a license for driving privilege  
176 restricted to business or employment purposes only, as defined  
177 by s. 322.271, if the person is otherwise qualified for such a  
178 license. ~~A driver whose license or driving privilege has been~~  
179 ~~suspended or revoked under this section or s. 322.056 may, upon~~  
180 ~~the expiration of 6 months, petition the department for~~  
181 ~~restoration of the driving privilege on a restricted or~~  
182 ~~unrestricted basis depending on the length of suspension or~~  
183 ~~revocation. In no case shall a restricted license be available~~  
184 ~~until 6 months of the suspension or revocation period has~~  
185 ~~expired.~~

186 (4) If a person 18 years of age or older is convicted for  
187 the possession or sale of, trafficking in, or conspiracy to  
188 possess, sell, or traffic in a controlled substance and such  
189 person is ineligible by reason of age for a driver license or

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190 driving privilege, the court shall direct the department to  
191 withhold issuance of such person's driver license or driving  
192 privilege for a period of 6 months ~~1 year~~ after the date that he  
193 or she would otherwise have become eligible or until he or she  
194 becomes eligible by reason of age for a driver license and is  
195 evaluated for and, if deemed necessary by the evaluating agency,  
196 completes a drug treatment and rehabilitation program approved  
197 or regulated by the Department of Children and Families.  
198 However, the court may, upon finding a compelling circumstance  
199 to warrant an exception ~~in its sound discretion~~, direct the  
200 department to issue a license for driving privilege restricted  
201 to business or employment purposes only, as defined by s.  
202 322.271, if the person is otherwise qualified for such a  
203 license. ~~A driver whose license or driving privilege has been~~  
204 ~~suspended or revoked under this section or s. 322.056 may, upon~~  
205 ~~the expiration of 6 months, petition the department for~~  
206 ~~restoration of the driving privilege on a restricted or~~  
207 ~~unrestricted basis depending on the length of suspension or~~  
208 ~~revocation. In no case shall a restricted license be available~~  
209 ~~until 6 months of the suspension or revocation period has~~  
210 ~~expired.~~

211 Section 6. Section 322.056, Florida Statutes, is amended  
212 to read:

213 322.056 Mandatory revocation or suspension of, or delay of  
214 eligibility for, driver license for persons under age 18 found

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215 guilty of ~~certain alcohol, drug, or tobacco~~ offenses;  
216 prohibition.-

217 (1) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ s. 322.055, if a  
218 person under 18 years of age is found guilty of or delinquent  
219 for a violation of ~~s. 562.11(2), s. 562.111, or~~ chapter 893,  
220 and:

221 (a) The person is eligible by reason of age for a driver  
222 license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the  
223 department to revoke or to withhold issuance of his or her  
224 driver license or driving privilege for a period of 6 months.÷

225 ~~1. Not less than 6 months and not more than 1 year for the~~  
226 ~~first violation.~~

227 ~~2. Two years, for a subsequent violation.~~

228 (b) The person's driver license or driving privilege is  
229 under suspension or revocation for any reason, the court shall  
230 direct the department to extend the period of suspension or  
231 revocation by an additional period of 6 months.÷

232 ~~1. Not less than 6 months and not more than 1 year for the~~  
233 ~~first violation.~~

234 ~~2. Two years, for a subsequent violation.~~

235 (c) The person is ineligible by reason of age for a driver  
236 license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the  
237 department to withhold issuance of his or her driver license or  
238 driving privilege for a period of÷

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239 ~~1. Not less than 6 months and not more than 1 year after~~  
240 ~~the date on which he or she would otherwise have become~~  
241 ~~eligible, for the first violation.~~

242 ~~2. Two years after the date on which he or she would~~  
243 ~~otherwise have become eligible, for a subsequent violation.~~

244  
245 However, the court may, upon finding a compelling circumstance  
246 to warrant an exception in its sound discretion, direct the  
247 department to issue a license for driving privileges restricted  
248 to business or employment purposes only, as defined in s.  
249 322.271, if the person is otherwise qualified for such a  
250 license.

251 ~~(2) If a person under 18 years of age is found by the~~  
252 ~~court to have committed a noncriminal violation under s. 569.11~~  
253 ~~or s. 877.112(6) or (7) and that person has failed to comply~~  
254 ~~with the procedures established in that section by failing to~~  
255 ~~fulfill community service requirements, failing to pay the~~  
256 ~~applicable fine, or failing to attend a locally available~~  
257 ~~school-approved anti-tobacco program, and:~~

258 ~~(a) The person is eligible by reason of age for a driver~~  
259 ~~license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the~~  
260 ~~department to revoke or to withhold issuance of his or her~~  
261 ~~driver license or driving privilege as follows:~~

262 ~~1. For the first violation, for 30 days.~~

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263 ~~2. For the second violation within 12 weeks of the first~~  
264 ~~violation, for 45 days.~~

265 ~~(b) The person's driver license or driving privilege is~~  
266 ~~under suspension or revocation for any reason, the court shall~~  
267 ~~direct the department to extend the period of suspension or~~  
268 ~~revocation by an additional period as follows:~~

269 ~~1. For the first violation, for 30 days.~~

270 ~~2. For the second violation within 12 weeks of the first~~  
271 ~~violation, for 45 days.~~

272 ~~(c) The person is ineligible by reason of age for a driver~~  
273 ~~license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the~~  
274 ~~department to withhold issuance of his or her driver license or~~  
275 ~~driving privilege as follows:~~

276 ~~1. For the first violation, for 30 days.~~

277 ~~2. For the second violation within 12 weeks of the first~~  
278 ~~violation, for 45 days.~~

279  
280 ~~Any second violation of s. 569.11 or s. 877.112(6) or (7) not~~  
281 ~~within the 12-week period after the first violation will be~~  
282 ~~treated as a first violation and in the same manner as provided~~  
283 ~~in this subsection.~~

284 ~~(3) If a person under 18 years of age is found by the~~  
285 ~~court to have committed a third violation of s. 569.11 or s.~~  
286 ~~877.112(6) or (7) within 12 weeks of the first violation, the~~  
287 ~~court must direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor~~

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288 ~~Vehicles to suspend or withhold issuance of his or her driver~~  
289 ~~license or driving privilege for 60 consecutive days. Any third~~  
290 ~~violation of s. 569.11 or s. 877.112(6) or (7) not within the~~  
291 ~~12-week period after the first violation will be treated as a~~  
292 ~~first violation and in the same manner as provided in subsection~~  
293 ~~(2).~~

294 ~~(2)(4)~~ A penalty imposed under this section shall be in  
295 addition to any other penalty imposed by law.

296 ~~(5)~~ ~~The suspension or revocation of a person's driver~~  
297 ~~license imposed pursuant to subsection (2) or subsection (3),~~  
298 ~~shall not result in or be cause for an increase of the convicted~~  
299 ~~person's, or his or her parent's or legal guardian's, automobile~~  
300 ~~insurance rate or premium or result in points assessed against~~  
301 ~~the person's driving record.~~

302 Section 7. Section 322.057, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

303 Section 8. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 322.34,  
304 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

305 322.34 Driving while license suspended, revoked, canceled,  
306 or disqualified.—

307 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), any person whose  
308 driver license or driving privilege has been canceled,  
309 suspended, or revoked, or who does not have a driver license or  
310 driving privilege but is under suspension or revocation  
311 equivalent status as defined in s. 322.01(41), except a  
312 "habitual traffic offender" as defined in s. 322.264, who drives

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313 a vehicle upon the highways of this state while such license or  
314 privilege is canceled, suspended, or revoked is guilty of a  
315 moving violation, punishable as provided in chapter 318.

316 (5) Any person who has been designated a habitual traffic  
317 offender as defined by ~~whose driver license has been revoked~~  
318 ~~pursuant to s. 322.264 (habitual offender)~~ and who drives any  
319 motor vehicle upon the highways of this state while designated a  
320 habitual traffic offender ~~while such license is revoked~~ is  
321 guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided  
322 in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

323 Section 9. Section 322.75, Florida Statutes, is created to  
324 read:

325 322.75 Driver License Reinstatement Days.-

326 (1) Each clerk of court shall establish a Driver License  
327 Reinstatement Days program for reinstating suspended driver  
328 licenses. Participants may include, but are not limited to, the  
329 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the state  
330 attorney's office, the public defender's office, the circuit and  
331 county courts, the clerk of court, and any interested community  
332 organization.

333 (2) The clerk of court, in consultation with other  
334 participants, shall select one or more days for an event at  
335 which a person may have his or her driver license reinstated.  
336 The clerk may work with the Florida Association of Court Clerks  
337 to promote, develop communications, and coordinate the event. A

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338 person must pay the full license reinstatement fee; however, the  
339 clerk may reduce or waive other fees and costs to facilitate  
340 reinstatement.

341 (3) The clerk of court is encouraged to schedule at least  
342 one event on a weekend or with hours after 5 p.m. on a weekday.

343 (4) (a) A person is eligible for reinstatement under the  
344 program if his or her license was suspended due to:

- 345 1. Driving without a valid driver license;  
346 2. Driving with a suspended driver license;  
347 3. Failing to make a payment on penalties in collection;  
348 4. Failing to appear in court for a traffic violation; or  
349 5. Failing to comply with any provision of chapter 318 or  
350 this chapter.

351 (b) Notwithstanding paragraphs (5) (a)-(c), a person is  
352 eligible for reinstatement under the program if the period of  
353 suspension or revocation has elapsed, the person has completed  
354 any required course or program as described in paragraph (5) (c),  
355 and the person is otherwise eligible for reinstatement.

356 (5) A person is not eligible for reinstatement under the  
357 program if his or her driver license is suspended or revoked due  
358 to:

359 (a) Failure to fulfill a court-ordered child support  
360 obligation;

361 (b) A violation of s. 316.193;

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362 (c) Failure to complete a driver training program, driver  
363 improvement course, or alcohol or substance abuse education or  
364 evaluation program required under s. 316.192, s. 316.193, s.  
365 322.2616, s. 322.271, or s. 322.264;

366 (d) A traffic-related felony; or

367 (e) The person being a habitual traffic offender under s.  
368 322.264.

369 (6) The clerk of court and the Department of Highway  
370 Safety and Motor Vehicles shall verify any information necessary  
371 for reinstatement of a driver license under the program.

372 (7) The clerk of court must collect and report to the  
373 Florida Clerks of the Court Operations Corporation:

374 (a) The number of cases paid in full.

375 (b) The number of cases put on a payment plan.

376 (c) The number of driver license reinstatements.

377 (d) The number of driver licenses made eligible for  
378 reinstatement.

379 (e) The amount of fees and costs collected, reported by  
380 the entity receiving the funds. The Florida Clerks of the Court  
381 Operations Corporation must report the aggregate funds received  
382 by the clerks of court, the local governmental entities, and  
383 state entities, including general revenue.

384 (f) The personnel, operating, security, and other  
385 expenditures incurred by the clerk of court.

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386 (g) The number of cases that fail to comply with a payment  
387 plan and subsequently result in driver license suspension.

388 (8) The Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation  
389 shall report the information collected in subsection (7) in its  
390 annual report required by s. 28.35.

391 Section 10. Section 394.47891, Florida Statutes, is  
392 amended to read:

393 394.47891 Military veterans, ~~and~~ servicemembers, and other  
394 court programs.—The chief judge of each judicial circuit may  
395 establish a Military Veterans and Servicemembers Court Program  
396 under which veterans, as defined in s. 1.01, including veterans  
397 who were discharged or released under a general discharge, and  
398 servicemembers, as defined in s. 250.01; individuals who are  
399 current or former United States Department of Defense  
400 contractors, provided any separation was not due to the former  
401 contractor's bad conduct; and individuals who are current or  
402 former military members of a foreign allied country, provided  
403 any discharge was the equivalent of an honorable or general  
404 discharge, who are charged or convicted of a criminal offense  
405 and who suffer from a military-related mental illness, traumatic  
406 brain injury, substance abuse disorder, or psychological problem  
407 can be sentenced in accordance with chapter 921 in a manner that  
408 appropriately addresses the severity of the mental illness,  
409 traumatic brain injury, substance abuse disorder, or  
410 psychological problem through services tailored to the

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411 individual needs of the participant. Entry into any Military  
412 Veterans and Servicemembers Court Program must be based upon the  
413 sentencing court's assessment of the defendant's criminal  
414 history, military service, substance abuse treatment needs,  
415 mental health treatment needs, amenability to the services of  
416 the program, the recommendation of the state attorney and the  
417 victim, if any, and the defendant's agreement to enter the  
418 program.

419 Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 394.917, Florida  
420 Statutes, is amended to read:

421 394.917 Determination; commitment procedure; mistrials;  
422 housing; counsel and costs in indigent appellate cases.—

423 (2) If the court or jury determines that the person is a  
424 sexually violent predator, upon the expiration of the  
425 incarcerative portion of all criminal sentences and disposition  
426 of any detainers, the person shall be committed to the custody  
427 of the Department of Children and Families for control, care,  
428 and treatment, and rehabilitation of criminal offenders, until  
429 such time as the person's mental abnormality or personality  
430 disorder has so changed that it is safe for the person to be at  
431 large. At all times, persons who are detained or committed under  
432 this part shall be kept in a secure facility segregated from  
433 patients of the department who are not detained or committed  
434 under this part.

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435 Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 397.334, Florida  
436 Statutes, is amended to read:

437 397.334 Treatment-based drug court programs.—

438 (2) Entry into any pretrial treatment-based drug court  
439 program shall be voluntary. When neither s. 948.08(6)(c)1. ~~s.~~  
440 ~~948.08(6)(a)1.~~ nor 2. applies, the court may order an eligible  
441 individual to enter into a pretrial treatment-based drug court  
442 program only upon written agreement by the individual, which  
443 shall include a statement that the individual understands the  
444 requirements of the program and the potential sanctions for  
445 noncompliance.

446 Section 13. Subsections (3) through (12) of section  
447 455.213, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4)  
448 through (13), respectively, present subsection (2) is amended,  
449 and a new subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

450 455.213 General licensing provisions.—

451 (2) Before the issuance of any license, the department may  
452 charge an initial license fee as determined by rule of the  
453 applicable board or, if no such board exists, by rule of the  
454 department. Upon receipt of the appropriate license fee, except  
455 as provided in subsection (4) ~~(3)~~, the department shall issue a  
456 license to any person certified by the appropriate board, or its  
457 designee, or the department when there is no board, as having  
458 met the applicable requirements imposed by law or rule. However,  
459 an applicant who is not otherwise qualified for licensure is not

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460 entitled to licensure solely based on a passing score on a  
461 required examination. Upon a determination by the department  
462 that it erroneously issued a license, or upon the revocation of  
463 a license by the applicable board, or by the department when  
464 there is no board, the licensee must surrender his or her  
465 license to the department.

466 (3) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
467 department or applicable board shall use the process in this  
468 subsection for review of an applicant's criminal record to  
469 determine his or her eligibility for licensure.

470 (b) A conviction, or any other adjudication, for a crime  
471 more than 5 years before the date the application is received by  
472 the applicable board may not be grounds for denial of a license.  
473 For purposes of this paragraph, the term "conviction" means a  
474 determination of guilt that is the result of a plea or trial,  
475 regardless of whether adjudication is withheld. This paragraph  
476 does not limit the department or applicable board from  
477 considering an applicant's criminal history that includes a  
478 crime listed in s. 775.21(4) (a)1. or s. 776.08 at any time only  
479 if such criminal history has been found to relate to the  
480 practice of the applicable profession, or any crime if it has  
481 been found to relate to good moral character if the applicable  
482 practice act requires such a standard.

483 (c)1. A person may apply for a license before his or her  
484 lawful release from confinement or supervision. The department

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485 may not charge an applicant an additional fee for being confined  
486 or under supervision. The department or applicable board may not  
487 deny an application for a license solely on the basis of the  
488 applicant's current confinement or supervision.

489 2. After a license application is approved, the department  
490 or applicable board may stay the issuance of a license until the  
491 applicant is lawfully released from confinement or supervision  
492 and the applicant notifies the department or applicable board of  
493 such release. The department or applicable board must verify the  
494 applicant's release with the Department of Corrections, or other  
495 applicable authority, before it issues a license.

496 3. If an applicant is unable to appear in person due to  
497 his or her confinement or supervision, the department or  
498 applicable board must permit the applicant to appear by  
499 teleconference or video conference, as appropriate, at any  
500 meeting of the applicable board or other hearing by the agency  
501 concerning his or her application.

502 4. If an applicant is confined or under supervision, the  
503 Department of Corrections, or other applicable authority, and  
504 the department or applicable board shall cooperate and  
505 coordinate to facilitate the appearance of the applicant at a  
506 board meeting or agency hearing in person, by teleconference, or  
507 by video conference, as appropriate.

508 (d) The department and each applicable board shall compile  
509 a list of crimes that, if committed and regardless of

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510 adjudication, do not relate to the practice of the profession or  
511 the ability to practice the profession and do not constitute  
512 grounds for denial of a license. This list shall be made  
513 available on the department's website and be updated annually.  
514 Beginning October 1, 2019, each applicable board shall compile a  
515 list of crimes that although reported by an applicant for  
516 licensure, were not used as a basis for denial. The list must  
517 identify the crime reported for each license application and  
518 the:

519 1. Date of conviction or sentencing date, whichever is  
520 later.

521 2. Date adjudication was entered.

522 (e) The department and each applicable board shall compile  
523 a list of crimes that have been used as a basis for denial of a  
524 license in the past 2 years, which shall be made available on  
525 the department's website. Beginning October 1, 2019, and updated  
526 quarterly thereafter, the applicable board shall compile a list  
527 indicating each crime used as a basis for denial. For each crime  
528 listed, the applicable board must identify the:

529 1. Date of conviction or sentencing date, whichever is  
530 later.

531 2. Date adjudication was entered.

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533 Such denials shall be available to the public upon request.

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534 Section 14. Subsection (4) of section 474.2165, Florida  
535 Statutes, is amended to read:

536 474.2165 Ownership and control of veterinary medical  
537 patient records; report or copies of records to be furnished.—

538 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, such  
539 records may not be furnished to, and the medical condition of a  
540 patient may not be discussed with, any person other than the  
541 client or the client's legal representative or other  
542 veterinarians involved in the care or treatment of the patient,  
543 except upon written authorization of the client. However, such  
544 records may be furnished without written authorization under the  
545 following circumstances:

546 (a) To any person, firm, or corporation that has procured  
547 or furnished such examination or treatment with the client's  
548 consent.

549 (b) In any civil or criminal action, unless otherwise  
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552 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

553 Remove lines 2-24 and insert:

554 An act relating to public safety; amending s. 16.555, F.S.;  
555 providing for reallocation of unencumbered funds returned to the  
556 Crime Stoppers Trust Fund; specifying permissible uses for funds  
557 awarded to counties from the trust fund; creating s. 16.557,  
558 F.S.; providing definitions; providing criminal penalties for

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559 disclosure of privileged communications or protected information  
560 or information concerning such communications or information;  
561 providing exceptions; amending s. 212.15, F.S.; increasing  
562 threshold amounts for certain theft offenses; amending s.  
563 322.055, F.S.; reducing the length of driver license revocation  
564 for possession or sale of, trafficking in, or conspiracy to  
565 possess, sell, or traffic in a controlled substance; deleting  
566 provisions authorizing a driver to petition the Department of  
567 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for restoration of his or her  
568 driving privilege; amending s. 322.01, F.S.; providing a  
569 definition; amending s. 322.056, F.S.; reducing the period for  
570 revocation or suspension of, or delay of eligibility for, driver  
571 licenses or driving privileges for certain persons found guilty  
572 of certain drug offenses; deleting requirements relating to the  
573 revocation or suspension of, or delay of eligibility for, driver  
574 licenses or driving privileges for certain persons found guilty  
575 of certain alcohol or tobacco offenses; deleting provisions  
576 authorizing a driver to petition the Department of Highway  
577 Safety and Motor Vehicles for restoration of his or her driving  
578 privilege; repealing s. 322.057, F.S., relating to discretionary  
579 revocation or suspension of a driver license for certain persons  
580 who provide alcohol to persons under a specified age; amending  
581 s. 322.24, F.S.; extending penalties to a person who was never  
582 issued a driver license;  
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