

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Brandes

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Department of Transportation;  
3           requiring the department to allow persons to purchase  
4           certain commuter passes for their motor vehicles;  
5           requiring that funds collected from the sale of the  
6           commuter passes be deposited in specified trust funds  
7           and used for the operation and maintenance of the  
8           Pinellas Bayway System; requiring the department or  
9           the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, as appropriate, to  
10          index annual commuter pass costs to certain inflation  
11          indicators; providing an effective date.

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

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15           Section 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall allow  
16 any person to purchase a commuter pass for each motor vehicle  
17 the person owns at an annual cost of \$60 per vehicle which  
18 exempts the motor vehicle from any Pinellas Bayway System tolls  
19 during the term of the pass. Funds collected from the sale of  
20 commuter passes must be deposited in the State Transportation  
21 Trust Fund, or in the Turnpike General Reserve Trust Fund if the  
22 Pinellas Bayway System is transferred pursuant to s.  
23 338.165(11), Florida Statutes, and used for the operation and  
24 maintenance of the Pinellas Bayway System.

25           (2) The department or the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, as  
26 appropriate, shall index the annual commuter pass cost to the  
27 annual Consumer Price Index or similar inflation indicators,  
28 rounded to the nearest dollar. Commuter pass cost adjustments  
29 for inflation under this section may be made no more frequently

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30 than once a year and may be made no less frequently than once  
31 every 5 years.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.