

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to executive appointments; amending s.  
3 20.201, F.S.; providing that the executive director of  
4 the Department of Law Enforcement shall be appointed  
5 by the Governor subject to a majority vote of the  
6 Governor and Cabinet with the Governor and Attorney  
7 General on the prevailing side; amending 20.24, F.S.;  
8 providing that the head of the Department of Highway  
9 Safety and Motor Vehicles shall be a secretary  
10 appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate;  
11 providing that the secretary shall serve at the  
12 pleasure of the Governor; amending s. 20.255, F.S.;  
13 removing the requirement that the appointment of the  
14 Secretary of Environmental Protection be subject to  
15 the concurrence of three members of the Cabinet;  
16 amending s. 20.37, F.S.; providing that the executive  
17 director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall  
18 be appointed by the Governor subject to a majority  
19 vote of the Governor and Cabinet with the Governor on  
20 the prevailing side; providing an effective date.

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

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24 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 20.201, Florida  
25 Statutes, is amended to read:

26           20.201 Department of Law Enforcement.—

27           (1) There is created a Department of Law Enforcement. The  
 28 head of the department is the Governor and Cabinet. The  
 29 executive director of the department shall be appointed by the  
 30 Governor subject to a majority vote of the Governor and Cabinet,  
 31 with the Governor and Attorney General on the prevailing side.  
 32 The appointment is ~~with the approval of three members of the~~  
 33 ~~Cabinet and~~ subject to confirmation by the Senate. The executive  
 34 director shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and  
 35 Cabinet. The executive director may establish a command,  
 36 operational, and administrative services structure to assist,  
 37 manage, and support the department in operating programs and  
 38 delivering services.

39           Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 20.24, Florida  
 40 Statutes, is amended to read:

41           20.24 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.—  
 42 There is created a Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
 43 Vehicles.

44           (1) The head of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
 45 Vehicles shall be a secretary appointed by the Governor and  
 46 confirmed by the Senate. The secretary shall serve at the  
 47 pleasure of the Governor ~~is the Governor and Cabinet.~~

48           Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 20.255, Florida  
 49 Statutes, is amended to read:

50           20.255 Department of Environmental Protection.—There is

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51 created a Department of Environmental Protection.

52 (1) The head of the Department of Environmental Protection  
53 shall be a secretary, who shall be appointed by the Governor.

54 The appointment is subject to confirmation, ~~with the concurrence~~  
55 ~~of three members of the Cabinet. The secretary shall be~~  
56 ~~confirmed~~ by the ~~Florida~~ Senate. The secretary shall serve at  
57 the pleasure of the Governor.

58 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 20.37, Florida  
59 Statutes, is amended to read:

60 20.37 Department of Veterans' Affairs.—There is created a  
61 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

62 (1) The head of the department is the Governor and  
63 Cabinet. The executive director of the department shall be  
64 appointed by the Governor subject to a majority vote of the  
65 Governor and Cabinet, with the Governor on the prevailing side.  
66 The appointment is ~~with the approval of three members of the~~  
67 ~~Cabinet and~~ subject to confirmation by the Senate. The executive  
68 director shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and  
69 Cabinet.

70 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.