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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Infrastructure Strategies Committee

Representative Killebrew offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
Section 1. Present subsections (54) through (111) of
section 316.003, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
subsections (55) through (112), respectively, a new subsection
(54) is added to that section, and subsection (1) and present
subsection (64) of that section are amended to read:

12 316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when 13 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively 14 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context 15 otherwise requires:

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16 (1)AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES. - Vehicles of the fire 17 department, (fire patrol), police vehicles, emergency management 18 vehicles, and such ambulances and emergency vehicles of 19 municipal and county departments, volunteer ambulance services, 20 organ transport vehicles, public service corporations operated 21 by private corporations, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation 22 Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection, the 23 Department of Health, the Department of Transportation, the 24 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the 25 Department of Corrections as are designated or authorized by 26 their respective departments or the chief of police of an 27 incorporated city or any sheriff of any of the various counties.

28 (54) ORGAN TRANSPORT VEHICLE. -Any dedicated and marked 29 vehicle operated by an organ procurement organization, 30 transplant center, or its contracted service provider to 31 transport organs or surgical teams for organ recovery and 32 transplant. An operator of such vehicle must have completed a 33 16-hour emergency vehicle operator course.

34 <u>(65) (64)</u> PRIVATE ROAD OR DRIVEWAY.-Except as otherwise 35 provided in paragraph <u>(90) (b)</u> (89) (b), any privately owned way 36 or place used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having 37 express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other 38 persons

39 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 40 316.072, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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41	316.072 Obedience to and effect of traffic laws
42	(5) AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES
43	(a)1. The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, when
44	responding to an emergency call, when transporting organs or
45	surgical teams for organ donation or transplant while en route
46	to a hospital, an airport, or other designated location, when in
47	the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, or
48	when responding to a fire alarm, but not upon returning from a
49	fire;
50	2. A medical staff physician or technician of a medical
51	facility licensed by the state or of a volunteer ambulance
52	service when responding to an emergency in the line of duty in
53	his or her privately owned vehicle, using red lights as
54	authorized in s. 316.2398; or
55	3. The driver of an authorized law enforcement vehicle,
56	when conducting a nonemergency escort, to warn the public of an
57	approaching motorcade;
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59	may exercise the privileges set forth in this section, but
60	subject to the conditions herein stated.
61	Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 316.2397, Florida
62	Statutes, is amended to read:
63	316.2397 Certain lights prohibited; exceptions
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(3) (a) Vehicles of the fire department and fire patrol, 64 65 including vehicles of volunteer firefighters as permitted under 66 s. 316.2398, may show or display red or red and white lights. 67 (b) Vehicles of medical staff physicians or technicians of 68 medical facilities licensed by the state or of volunteer ambulance services as authorized under s. 316.2398, ambulances 69 70 as authorized under this chapter, and buses and taxicabs as 71 authorized under s. 316.2399 may show or display red lights. 72 (c) Authorized emergency vehicles Vehicles of the fire department, fire patrol, police vehicles, and such ambulances 73 74 and emergency vehicles of municipal and county departments, 75 volunteer ambulance services, public service corporations 76 operated by private corporations, the Fish and Wildlife 77 Conservation Commission, the Department of Environmental 78 Protection, the Department of Transportation, the Department of 79 Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Department of 80 Corrections as are designated or authorized by their respective department or the chief of police of an incorporated city or any 81 82 sheriff of any county may operate emergency lights and sirens in 83 an emergency. 84 (d) Organ transport vehicles may show or display red 85 lights. 86 (e) Wreckers, mosquito control fog and spray vehicles, and 87 emergency vehicles of governmental departments or public service

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corporations may show or display amber lights when in actual

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89 operation or when a hazard exists provided they are not used 90 going to and from the scene of operation or hazard without 91 specific authorization of a law enforcement officer or law 92 enforcement agency.

93 Wreckers must use amber rotating or flashing lights (f) 94 while performing recoveries and loading on the roadside day or 95 night, and may use such lights while towing a vehicle on wheel 96 lifts, slings, or under reach if the operator of the wrecker 97 deems such lights necessary. A flatbed, car carrier, or rollback 98 may not use amber rotating or flashing lights when hauling a vehicle on the bed unless it creates a hazard to other motorists 99 100 because of protruding objects. Further, escort vehicles may show or display amber lights when in the actual process of escorting 101 102 overdimensioned equipment, material, or buildings as authorized 103 by law.

104 (g) Vehicles owned or leased by private security agencies 105 may show or display green and amber lights, with either color 106 being no greater than 50 percent of the lights displayed, while 107 the security personnel are engaged in security duties on private 108 or public property.

109 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 316.2398, Florida
110 Statutes, is amended to read:

111 316.2398 Display or use of red or red and white warning 112 signals; motor vehicles of volunteer firefighters or medical 113 staff.-

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114 (1) A privately owned vehicle belonging to an active 115 firefighter member of a regularly organized volunteer 116 firefighting company or association, while en route to the fire 117 station for the purpose of proceeding to the scene of a fire or 118 other emergency or while en route to the scene of a fire or 119 other emergency in the line of duty as an active firefighter 120 member of a regularly organized firefighting company or association, may display or use red or red and white warning 121 122 signals. A privately owned vehicle belonging to a medical staff 123 physician or technician of a medical facility licensed by the 124 state or of a volunteer ambulance service, while responding to 125 an emergency in the line of duty, may display or use red warning 126 signals. An organ transport vehicle while transporting organs or 127 surgical teams for organ donation or transplant while in route 128 to a hospital, an airport, or other designated location may 129 display or use red warning signals. Warning signals must be 130 visible from the front and from the rear of such vehicle, subject to the following restrictions and conditions: 131

(a) No more than two red or red and white warning signalsmay be displayed.

(b) No inscription of any kind may appear across the faceof the lens of the red or red and white warning signal.

(c) In order for an active volunteer firefighter to display such red or red and white warning signals on his or her vehicle, the volunteer firefighter must first secure a written 091119 - h1113-strike.docx

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permit from the chief executive officers of the firefighting organization to use the red or red and white warning signals, and this permit must be carried by the volunteer firefighter at all times while the red or red and white warning signals are displayed.

(d) An emergency medical technician, doctor, or paramedic who is using his or her personal vehicle with a red light to respond to an emergency call must have completed a 16-hour emergency vehicle operator course.

Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 316.271, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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316.271 Horns and warning devices.-

(4) No vehicle shall be equipped with, nor shall any
person use upon a vehicle, any siren, whistle, or bell, except
as otherwise permitted in this section or s. 316.2397.

Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section316.306, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

156 316.306 School and work zones; prohibition on the use of a 157 wireless communications device in a handheld manner.-

(3) (a)1. A person may not operate a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner in a designated school crossing, school zone, or work zone area as defined in <u>s. 316.003(112)</u> s. 316.003(111). This subparagraph shall only be applicable to work zone areas if construction personnel are present or are operating equipment on the road or 091119 - h1113-strike.docx

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164 immediately adjacent to the work zone area. For the purposes of 165 this paragraph, a motor vehicle that is stationary is not being 166 operated and is not subject to the prohibition in this 167 paragraph.

168 2. Effective January 1, 2020, a law enforcement officer 169 may stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are 170 driving while using a wireless communications device in a 171 handheld manner in violation of subparagraph 1.

Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 655.960, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

174 655.960 Definitions; ss. 655.960-655.965.-As used in this 175 section and ss. 655.961-655.965, unless the context otherwise 176 requires:

(1) "Access area" means any paved walkway or sidewalk which is within 50 feet of any automated teller machine. The term does not include any street or highway open to the use of the public, as defined in <u>s. 316.003(90)(a) or (b)</u> s. <u>316.003(89)(a) or (b)</u>, including any adjacent sidewalk, as defined in s. 316.003.

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188 An act relating to the use of lights and sirens on 189 emergency vehicles; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; revising the 190 definition of "authorized emergency vehicles"; defining the 191 term "organ transport vehicle"; amending s. 316.072, F.S.; 192 authorizing organ transport vehicles to exercise certain privileges; amending s. 316.2397, F.S.; providing that 193 194 certain vehicles transporting organs and surgical teams for 195 organ recovery and transplant may operate emergency lights 196 and sirens while en route to a hospital, an airport, or 197 other designated location; providing requirements for operators of such vehicles; amending s. 316.2398, F.S.; 198 199 authorizing the display of certain lights by organ 200 transport vehicles; amending s. 316.271, F.S., conforming 201 provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 316.306 202 and 655.960, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing 203 an effective date.

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