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Representative Koster offered the following:

Remove lines 11-411 and insert:

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Amendment to Amendment (210753) (with title amendment)

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individually or jointly leased or owned and routinely operated by the person for 1 continuous year commencing from when the

8 driver license. This subsection applies in addition to any other
9 penalties authorized by this section. The ignition interlock
10 device placement period required by this subsection shall run

concurrently with any other ignition interlock device placement period required by a court or the department.

(b) If the person agrees to the placement of an ignition

interlock device under paragraph (a), the person must notify the department of his or her agreement to the installation of an ignition interlock device and must have the ignition interlock device installed in such vehicles within 10 days after the date of the issuance of the notice of suspension. The department must reinstate the person's driving privilege effective on the date of ignition interlock device placement on such vehicles. Such ignition interlock device placement must be entered on the driver's record and has the same effect as entering on the driver's record a suspension for failure to submit to a lawful test of breath, blood, or urine. Verification of the operation of the device in the person's vehicle must be periodically reported to the department.

- (c) The prohibitions and penalties provided in s.

 316.1937(5), (6), and (8) apply during the 1-year interlock

 device placement period to a person whose driving privilege is

 reinstated pursuant to this subsection and to an ignition

 interlock device required by this subsection.
- (d) If the person who agreed to the placement of an ignition interlock device under paragraph (a) violates the prohibitions in s. 316.1937(5), (6), or (8) or fails to maintain an operable ignition interlock device as required by this section during the required 1-year period for ignition interlock device placement, the department must suspend the person's driving privilege and must restore the person's driving

privilege suspension from the date of violation or failure to maintain an operable ignition interlock device. The suspension of the person's driving privilege must continue for the remainder of the 1-year suspension that commenced upon notice of suspension of the person's driving privilege under s. 322.2615. If the department restores the person's driving privilege suspension under this paragraph, 30 days must elapse after the restoration before the person is eligible for a restricted license for business or employment purposes for the remainder of the 1-year suspension. The restoration of the person's driving privilege suspension under this paragraph is not subject to s. 322.2615 or chapter 120.

- (2)(1) A person who has refused to submit to a chemical or physical test of his or her breath or urine, as described in s. 316.1932, and whose driving privilege was previously suspended or who was previously fined under s. 327.35215 for a prior refusal to submit to a lawful test of his or her breath, urine, or blood required under this chapter or chapter 327, and:
- (a) Who the arresting law enforcement officer had probable cause to believe was driving or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle in this state while under the influence of alcoholic beverages, chemical substances, or controlled substances;
- (b) Who was placed under lawful arrest for a violation of s. 316.193 unless such test was requested pursuant to s.

316.1932(1)(c);

- (c) Who was informed that, if he or she refused to submit to such test, his or her privilege to operate a motor vehicle would be suspended for a period of 1 year or, in the case of a second or subsequent refusal, for a period of 18 months;
- (d) Who was informed that a refusal to submit to a lawful test of his or her breath or urine, if his or her driving privilege has been previously suspended or if he or she has previously been fined under s. 327.35215 for a prior refusal to submit to a lawful test of his or her breath, urine, or blood as required under this chapter or chapter 327, is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, in addition to any other penalties provided by law; and
- (e) Who, after having been so informed, refused to submit to any such test when requested to do so by a law enforcement officer or correctional officer

commits a misdemeanor of the first degree and is subject to punishment as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

- $\underline{(3)}$ (2) The disposition of any administrative proceeding that relates to the suspension of a person's driving privilege does not affect a criminal action under <u>subsection</u> (2) this section.
- $\underline{\text{(4)}}$ The disposition of a criminal action under $\underline{\text{subsection (2)}}$ this section does not affect any administrative

proceeding that relates to the suspension of a person's driving privilege. The department's records showing that a person's license has been previously suspended for a prior refusal to submit to a lawful test of his or her breath, urine, or blood <u>is shall be</u> admissible and <u>creates</u> shall create a rebuttable presumption of such suspension.

- (5) The department must annually post on its website the number of drivers who for the first time refuse to submit to a test required by s. 316.1932 and the number of such drivers who choose to serve the 1-year suspension without obtaining a license for business or employment purposes, choose to obtain a license for business or employment purposes during the 1-year suspension, or agree to the placement of an ignition interlock device under paragraph (1)(a) instead of serving a 1-year suspension of his or her driving privilege. The department must also include the number of drivers who request formal or informal review of the suspension for first time refusals of a lawful breath test and the number of such drivers who obtain a license for business or employment purposes or whose suspension is not sustained.
- Section 3. Subsections (1) and (3), paragraph (a) of subsection (10), and paragraph (b) of subsection (14) of section 322.2615, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 322.2615 Suspension of license; right to review.
- 113 (1)(a) A law enforcement officer or correctional officer

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shall, on behalf of the department, suspend the driving privilege of a person who is driving or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle and who has an unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher, or of a person who has refused to submit to a urine test or a test of his or her breath-alcohol or blood-alcohol level. The officer shall take the person's driver license and issue the person a 10-day temporary permit if the person is otherwise eligible for the driving privilege and shall issue the person a notice of suspension. If a blood test has been administered, the officer or the agency employing the officer shall transmit such results to the department within 5 days after receipt of the results. If the department then determines that the person had a bloodalcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher, the department shall suspend the person's driver license pursuant to subsection (3).

- (b) The suspension under paragraph (a) shall be pursuant to, and the notice of suspension shall inform the driver of, the following:
- 1.a. The driver refused to submit to a lawful breath, blood, or urine test and his or her driving privilege is suspended for a period of 1 year for a first refusal unless, instead of serving such suspension for a first refusal of a breath test, the driver agrees to placement, at his or her own expense, of an ignition interlock device under s. 316.1939(1),

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or for a period of 18 months if his or her driving privilege has 139 been previously suspended as a result of a refusal to submit to such a test; or

- The driver was driving or in actual physical control of b. a motor vehicle and had an unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher and his or her driving privilege is suspended for a period of 6 months for a first offense or for a period of 1 year if his or her driving privilege has been previously suspended under this section.
- The suspension period shall commence on the date of issuance of the notice of suspension.
- The driver may request a formal or informal review of the suspension by the department within 10 days after the date of issuance of the notice of suspension or may request a review of eligibility for a restricted driving privilege under s. 322.271(7).
- 4. A driver who requests a formal or informal review of the suspension for a first-time refusal of a lawful breath test waives the privilege to agree to the placement of an ignition interlock device pursuant to s. 316.1939(1).
- 5.4. The temporary permit issued at the time of suspension expires at midnight of the 10th day following the date of issuance of the notice of suspension.
- 6.5. The driver may submit to the department any materials relevant to the suspension.

- (3) If the department determines that the license should be suspended pursuant to this section and if the notice of suspension has not already been served upon the person by a law enforcement officer or correctional officer as provided in subsection (1), the department shall issue a notice of suspension and, unless the notice is mailed pursuant to s. 322.251, a temporary permit that expires 10 days after the date of issuance if the driver is otherwise eligible. The notice shall also inform the driver that his or her driving privilege is suspended unless, instead of serving such suspension, the driver agrees to placement of an ignition interlock device pursuant to s. 316.1939(1).
- (10) A person whose driver license is suspended under subsection (1) or subsection (3) may apply for issuance of a license for business or employment purposes only if the person is otherwise eligible for the driving privilege pursuant to s. 322.271.
- (a) If the suspension of the driver license of the person for failure to submit to a breath, urine, or blood test is sustained, the person is not eligible to receive a license for business or employment purposes only, pursuant to s. 322.271, until 90 days have elapsed after the expiration of the last temporary permit issued and the person has had an ignition interlock device approved by the department in accordance with s. 316.1938 installed for 1 continuous year, at the person's own

expense, on all vehicles that he or she individually or jointly leases or owns and routinely operates. If the driver is not issued a 10-day permit pursuant to this section or s. 322.64 because he or she is ineligible for the permit and the suspension for failure to submit to a breath, urine, or blood test is not invalidated by the department, the driver is not eligible to receive a business or employment license pursuant to s. 322.271 until 90 days have elapsed from the date of the suspension and has had an ignition interlock device approved by the department in accordance with s. 316.1938 installed for 1 continuous year, at the person's own expense, on all vehicles that he or she individually or jointly leases or owns or routinely operates.

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- (b) The disposition of any related criminal proceedings does not affect a suspension or ignition interlock device placement for refusal to submit to a blood, breath, or urine test imposed under this section.
- Section 4. Subsections (2) and (4), paragraph (b) of subsection (8), and subsections (11) and (15) of section 322.2616, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 322.2616 Suspension of license; persons under 21 years of age; right to review.—
 - (2) (a) A law enforcement officer or correctional officer shall, on behalf of the department, suspend the driving

privilege of such person if the person has a blood-alcohol or breath-alcohol level of 0.02 or higher. The officer shall also suspend, on behalf of the department, the driving privilege of a person who has refused to submit to a test as provided by paragraph (b). The officer shall take the person's driver license and issue the person a 10-day temporary driving permit if the person is otherwise eligible for the driving privilege and shall issue the person a notice of suspension.

- (b) The suspension under paragraph (a) must be pursuant to, and the notice of suspension must inform the driver of, the following:
- 1.a. The driver refused to submit to a lawful breath test and his or her driving privilege is suspended for a period of 1 year for a first refusal unless, instead of serving such suspension, the driver agrees to placement, at his or her own expense, of an ignition interlock device approved by the department in accordance with s. 316.1938 for 1 continuous year on all vehicles that he or she individually or jointly leases or owns or routinely operates, or for a period of 18 months if his or her driving privilege has been previously suspended as provided in this section as a result of a refusal to submit to a test; or
- b. The driver was under the age of 21 and was driving or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while having a blood-alcohol or breath-alcohol level of 0.02 or higher; and the

person's driving privilege is suspended for a period of 6 months for a first violation, or for a period of 1 year if his or her driving privilege has been previously suspended as provided in this section for driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle with a blood-alcohol or breath-alcohol level of 0.02 or higher.

- 2. The suspension period commences on the date of issuance of the notice of suspension.
- 3. The driver may request a formal or informal review of the suspension by the department within 10 days after the issuance of the notice of suspension.
- 4. A driver who requests a formal or informal review of the suspension for a first-time refusal of a lawful breath test waives the privilege to agree to the placement, at his or her own expense, of a department-approved ignition interlock device for 1 year on all vehicles that he or she individually or jointly leases or owns or routinely operates.
- 5. If the driver agrees to the placement, at his or her own expense, of a department-approved ignition interlock device for 1 year on all vehicles that he or she individually or jointly leases or owns or routinely operates instead of serving a 1-year driving privilege suspension for a first-time refusal of a lawful breath test, the driver must notify the department of his or her agreement to the installation of an ignition interlock device

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installed in such vehicles within 10 days after the date of the issuance of the notice of suspension. Such ignition interlock device placement will be entered on the driver's record and will have the same effect as entering on the driver's record a suspension for failure to submit to a lawful test of bloodalcohol or breath-alcohol.

6. If the driver who agreed to the placement, at his or her own expense, of a department-approved ignition interlock device for 1 year on all vehicles that he or she individually or jointly leases or owns or routinely operates instead of serving a 1-year driving privilege suspension for a first-time refusal of a lawful breath test violates the prohibitions in s. 316.1937(5), (6), or (8) or fails to maintain an operable ignition interlock device during the required 1-year period for ignition interlock device placement, the department must suspend the person's driving privilege and must restore the person's driving privilege suspension from the date of violation or failure to maintain an operable ignition interlock device. The suspension of the person's driving privilege must continue for the remainder of the 1-year suspension that commenced upon notice of suspension of the person's driving privilege. If the department restores the person's driving privilege suspension, 30 days must elapse before the person is eligible for a restricted license for business or employment purposes for the remainder of the 1-year suspension. The restoration of the

person's driving privilege suspension under this subparagraph is not subject to s. 322.2615 or chapter 120.

- 7.4. A temporary permit issued at the time of the issuance of the notice of suspension shall not become effective until after 12 hours have elapsed and will expire at midnight of the 10th day following the date of issuance.
- 8.5. The driver may submit to the department any materials relevant to the suspension of his or her license.
- (c) When a driver subject to this section has a bloodalcohol or breath-alcohol level of 0.05 or higher, the suspension shall remain in effect until such time as the driver has completed a substance abuse course offered by a DUI program licensed by the department. The driver shall assume the reasonable costs for the substance abuse course. As part of the substance abuse course, the program shall conduct a substance abuse evaluation of the driver, and notify the parents or legal guardians of drivers under the age of 19 years of the results of the evaluation. The term "substance abuse" means the abuse of alcohol or any substance named or described in Schedules I through V of s. 893.03. If a driver fails to complete the substance abuse education course and evaluation, the driver license shall not be reinstated by the department.
- (d) A minor under the age of 18 years proven to be driving with a blood-alcohol or breath-alcohol level of 0.02 or higher may be taken by a law enforcement officer to the addictions

receiving facility in the county in which the minor is found to be so driving, if the county makes the addictions receiving facility available for such purpose.

- (4) If the department finds that the license of the person should be suspended under this section and if the notice of suspension has not already been served upon the person by a law enforcement officer or correctional officer as provided in subsection (2), the department shall issue a notice of suspension and, unless the notice is mailed under s. 322.251, a temporary driving permit that expires 10 days after the date of issuance if the driver is otherwise eligible. The notice shall also inform the driver that his or her driving privilege is suspended unless, instead of serving such suspension, the driver agrees to placement of an ignition interlock device pursuant to s. 316.1939(1).
- (8) In a formal review hearing under subsection (7) or an informal review hearing under subsection (5), the hearing officer shall determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether sufficient cause exists to sustain, amend, or invalidate the suspension. The scope of the review is limited to the following issues:
- (b) If the license was suspended because of the individual's refusal to submit to a breath test:
- 1. Whether the law enforcement officer had probable cause to believe that the person was under the age of 21 and was

driving or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle in this state with any blood-alcohol or breath-alcohol level or while under the influence of alcoholic beverages.

- 2. Whether the person was under the age of 21.
- 3. Whether the person refused to submit to a breath test after being requested to do so by a law enforcement officer or correctional officer.
- 4. Whether the person was told that if he or she refused to submit to a breath test his or her privilege to operate a motor vehicle would be suspended for a period of 1 year unless the driver agreed to placement, at his or her own expense, of a department-approved ignition interlock device for 1 continuous year on all vehicles that he or she individually or jointly leases or owns or routinely operates, or, in the case of a second or subsequent refusal, for a period of 18 months.
- (11) A person whose driver license is suspended under subsection (2) or subsection (4) may apply for issuance of a license for business or employment purposes only, pursuant to s. 322.271, if the person is otherwise eligible for the driving privilege. However, such a license may not be issued until 30 days have elapsed after the expiration of the last temporary driving permit issued under this section and, if the suspension is for a first-time refusal of a breath test and such suspension is affirmed in a formal or informal hearing, such person must have an ignition interlock device installed as approved by the

department in the same manner as devices approved by the department in accordance with s. 316.1938 for 1 year on all vehicles that he or she individually or jointly leases or owns or routinely operates.

(15) The decision of the department under this section shall not be considered in any trial for a violation of s. 316.193, nor shall any written statement submitted by a person in his or her request for departmental review under this section be admissible into evidence against him or her in any such trial. The disposition of any related criminal proceedings shall not affect a suspension or ignition interlock device placement imposed under this section.

Section 5. Present subsection (5) of section 322.2715, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (6), a new subsection (5) is added to that section, and subsection (1) of that section is amended, to read:

322.2715 Ignition interlock device.-

(1) Before issuing a permanent or restricted driver license under this chapter, the department shall require the placement of a department-approved ignition interlock device for any person convicted of committing an offense of driving under the influence as specified in subsection (3), or for any person who refused to submit to a lawful test of his or her breath as specified in subsection (5) and who chooses ignition interlock device placement instead of serving a suspension of the person's

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privilege to operate a motor vehicle for a period of 1 year, except that consideration may be given to those individuals having a documented medical condition that would prohibit the device from functioning normally. If a medical waiver has been granted for a convicted person seeking a restricted license, the convicted person shall not be entitled to a restricted license until the required ignition interlock device installation period under subsection (3) or subsection (5) expires, in addition to the time requirements under s. 322.271. If a medical waiver has been approved for a convicted person seeking permanent reinstatement of the driver license, the convicted person must be restricted to an employment-purposes-only license and be supervised by a licensed DUI program until the required ignition interlock device installation period under subsection (3) or subsection (5) expires. An interlock device shall be placed on all vehicles that are individually or jointly leased or owned and routinely operated by the convicted person.

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