

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to prearranged transportation
 3 services; creating s. 316.2021, F.S.; prohibiting the
 4 impersonation of a transportation network company
 5 driver; providing criminal penalties; amending s.
 6 341.061, F.S.; providing that services purchased from
 7 a transportation network company are not considered
 8 privately owned or operated bus transit systems;
 9 amending s. 427.02, F.S.; revising the definition of
 10 the term "transportation service provider"; requiring
 11 transportation service providers to provide certain
 12 drivers with access to certain training materials;
 13 providing an effective date.

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

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 17 **Section 1. Section 316.2021, Florida Statutes, is created**
 18 **to read:**

19 316.2021 Unlawful impersonation of transportation network
 20 company driver.—A person may not impersonate a transportation
 21 network company driver, as defined in s. 627.748(1), by making a
 22 false statement; displaying counterfeit signage or emblems of a
 23 trade dress, trademark, brand, or logo of a transportation
 24 network company; or engaging in any other act that falsely
 25 represents that the person represents a transportation network

26 company or is responding to a passenger ride request for a
 27 transportation network company. A person who willfully violates
 28 this section commits a misdemeanor of the second degree,
 29 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who
 30 impersonates a transportation network company driver during the
 31 commission of a separate felony offense commits a felony of the
 32 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,
 33 or s. 775.084.

34 **Section 2. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of**
 35 **section 341.061, Florida Statutes, to read:**

36 341.061 Transit safety standards; inspections and system
 37 safety reviews.—

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39 (d) Services purchased from a transportation network
 40 company as defined in s. 627.748(1) which otherwise comply with
 41 the provisions of s. 627.748 are not privately owned or operated
 42 bus transit systems.

43 **Section 3. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection**
 44 **(2) of section 427.02, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

45 427.02 Paratransit service contracts for transportation
 46 service providers.—

47 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "transportation
 48 service provider" means an organization or entity that contracts
 49 with a local government to provide paratransit service to
 50 persons with disabilities using a dedicated fleet of vehicles

51 operated by its employees or directly contracted drivers who
52 meet paratransit service standards. The term does not include a
53 transportation network company as defined in s. 627.748(1).

54 (2) For contracts entered into or renewed on or after
55 October 1, 2024, a transportation service provider must agree
56 to:

57 (a) Provide ~~training to~~ each driver of a motor vehicle
58 used to provide paratransit service to persons with disabilities
59 with access to third-party training materials which, at a
60 minimum, meet ~~meets~~ requirements established by the Agency for
61 Persons with Disabilities for training and professional
62 development of staff providing direct services to clients of the
63 agency.

64 **Section 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.