

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.—

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

26 that the person represents a transportation network company or
 27 is responding to a passenger ride request for a transportation
 28 network company.

29 (2) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person who
 30 willfully violates subsection (1) commits a misdemeanor of the
 31 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
 32 775.083.

33 (b) A person who willfully violates subsection (1) during
 34 the commission of, or to facilitate the commission of, a
 35 separate felony offense commits a felony of the third degree,
 36 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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

39 341.061 Transit safety standards; inspections and system
 40 safety reviews.—

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

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

48 427.02 Paratransit service contracts for transportation
 49 service providers.—

50 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "transportation

51 service provider" means an organization or entity that contracts
52 with a local government to provide paratransit service to
53 persons with disabilities using a dedicated fleet of vehicles
54 operated by its employees or directly contracted drivers who
55 meet paratransit service standards. The term does not include a
56 transportation network company as defined in s. 627.748(1).

57 (2) For contracts entered into or renewed on or after
58 October 1, 2024, a transportation service provider must agree
59 to:

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

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