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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. 427.0159, F.S.; authorizing the Commission  
10      for the Transportation Disadvantaged to expend funds  
11      to contract with alternative providers; providing  
12      requirements for such alternative providers; amending  
13      s. 427.02, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
14      "transportation service provider"; requiring  
15      transportation service providers to provide certain  
16      drivers with access to certain training materials;  
17      providing an effective date.

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

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21       Section 1.   Section 316.2021, Florida Statutes, is created  
22   to read:

23       316.2021   Unlawful impersonation of transportation network  
24   company driver.—

25       (1)   A person may not impersonate a transportation network

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26 company driver, as defined in s. 627.748(1), by making a false  
27 statement; displaying counterfeit signage or emblems of a trade  
28 dress, trademark, brand, or logo of a transportation network  
29 company; or engaging in any other act that falsely represents  
30 that the person represents a transportation network company or  
31 is responding to a passenger ride request for a transportation  
32 network company.

33 (2) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person who  
34 willfully violates subsection (1) commits a misdemeanor of the  
35 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
36 775.083.

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

41 Section 2. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of  
42 section 341.061, Florida Statutes, to read:

43 341.061 Transit safety standards; inspections and system  
44 safety reviews.—

45 (2)

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

50 Section 3. Subsection (5) is added to section 427.0159,

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Florida Statutes, to read:

427.0159 Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund.—

(5) The commission may expend funds to contract with alternative providers with dedicated vehicles and trained personnel specializing in paratransit services to support transportation services for persons with disabilities. Such entities shall provide specialized transportation services tailored to the specific needs of riders, that comply with service standards as established by the commission, to ensure safe and accessible mobility options.

Section 4. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 427.02, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

427.02 Paratransit service contracts for transportation service providers.—

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

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

(a) Provide ~~training to~~ each driver of a motor vehicle

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76 | used to provide paratransit service to persons with disabilities  
77 | with access to third-party training materials which, at a  
78 | minimum, meet ~~meets~~ requirements established by the Agency for  
79 | Persons with Disabilities for training and professional  
80 | development of staff providing direct services to clients of the  
81 | agency.

82 |       Section 5.   This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.