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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

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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 used
58 to provide paratransit service to persons with disabilities with

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59 access to third-party training materials which, at a minimum,
60 meet ~~meets~~ requirements established by the Agency for Persons
61 with Disabilities for training and professional development of
62 staff providing direct services to clients of the agency.

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