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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to operating vehicles and vessels; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; revising the definition of "vehicle"; amending s. 316.183, F.S.; providing that a person may not drive on a street at an unlawful speed; creating s. 316.88, F.S.; prohibiting operation of a motor vehicle, vessel, or other conveyance at a speed that creates an excessive wake; providing an effective date.

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

## Section 1. Subsection (109) of section 316.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except where the context otherwise requires:

(109) VEHICLE.—Every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street or highway, except personal delivery devices, mobile carriers, and devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 316.183, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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316.183 Unlawful speed.-

(1) No person shall drive a vehicle on a <u>street or</u> highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event, speed shall be controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle, or other conveyance or object on or entering the <u>street or</u> highway in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.

Section 3. Section 316.88, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.88 Creation of a wake on streets or highways.—A person may not operate a motor vehicle, vessel, or any other conveyance at a speed that creates an excessive wake on a flooded or inundated street or highway.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.