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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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Representative Griffitts offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

**Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 20.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

20.23 Department of Transportation.—There is created a Department of Transportation which shall be a decentralized agency.

(3) The Legislature finds that the transportation industry is critical to the economic future of this state and that the competitiveness of the industry in this state depends upon the development and maintenance of a qualified workforce and

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14 cutting-edge research and innovation. The Legislature further  
15 finds that the transportation industry in this state has varied  
16 and complex workforce needs ranging from technical and  
17 mechanical training to continuing education opportunities for  
18 workers with advanced degrees and certifications. The timely  
19 need also exists for coordinated research and innovation efforts  
20 to promote emerging technologies and innovative construction  
21 methods and tools and to address alternative funding mechanisms.  
22 It is the intent of the Legislature to support programs designed  
23 to address the workforce development needs of the state's  
24 transportation industry.

25 (c) The institute shall report to the department and shall  
26 be composed of members from the University of Florida, the  
27 Florida State University ~~Indian River State College~~, the  
28 University of Central Florida, the University of South Florida,  
29 and Florida International University. The department shall  
30 select a member to serve as the administrative lead of the  
31 institute. The department shall assess the performance of the  
32 administrative lead periodically to ensure accountability and  
33 assess the attainment of performance goals.

34 **Section 2. Paragraph (h) of subsection (4) of section**  
35 **260.0142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

36 260.0142 Florida Greenways and Trails Council;  
37 composition; powers and duties.—

38 (4) The duties of the council include the following:

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39 (h) Make recommendations for updating and revising the  
40 implementation plan for the Florida Greenways and Trails System,  
41 including, but not limited to, recommendations for  
42 prioritization of regionally significant trails within the  
43 Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network. The council shall  
44 meet within 90 days after the Department of Transportation  
45 submits its report pursuant to s. 339.81(8) to update its  
46 recommendations for prioritization of regionally significant  
47 trails within the network.

48 **Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section**  
49 **311.14, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is**  
50 **added to that section, to read:**

51 311.14 Seaport planning.—

52 (2) Each port shall develop a strategic plan with a 10-  
53 year horizon. Each plan must include the following:

54 (b) An infrastructure development and improvement  
55 component that identifies all projected infrastructure  
56 improvements within the plan area which require improvement,  
57 expansion, or development in order for a port to attain a  
58 strategic advantage for competition with national and  
59 international competitors. This component must provide  
60 strategies for obtaining and maintaining critical infrastructure  
61 resources for the port and its tenants. Such strategies must  
62 include long-term contracts, rights of first refusal regarding  
63 the sale or lease of property storing such resources, and

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64 contingency plans for obtaining such resources. For purposes of  
65 this paragraph, the term "critical infrastructure resources"  
66 includes, but is not limited to, access to electricity, fuel,  
67 and water resources.

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69 To the extent feasible, the port strategic plan must be  
70 consistent with the local government comprehensive plans of the  
71 units of local government in which the port is located. Upon  
72 approval of a plan by the port's board, the plan shall be  
73 submitted to the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic  
74 Development Council.

75 (4) (a) For purposes of this subsection, the term  
76 "strategic spaceport hub" means spaceport territory located  
77 within 5 miles of a seaport listed in s. 311.09(1) that is used  
78 for deepwater commercial navigation.

79 (b) Before making any change to its strategic plan, the  
80 governing board of a seaport located within 5 miles of a  
81 strategic spaceport hub must coordinate with Space Florida to  
82 ensure that the change does not conflict with Space Florida's  
83 business plan created pursuant to s. 331.3051.

84 **Section 4. Section 311.26, Florida Statutes, is created to**  
85 **read:**

86 311.26 Florida Seaport Maritime Industrial Base.—The  
87 Department of Transportation shall coordinate with the  
88 Department of Commerce and the ports listed in s. 311.09, the

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89 United States Department of Commerce, and the United States  
90 Department of War to identify and prioritize key maritime  
91 components in the supply chain which are essential to  
92 strengthening and expanding this state's maritime industrial  
93 base. The ports listed in s. 311.09 shall support projects  
94 evaluated by the Department of Transportation, which shall  
95 directly support the construction, maintenance, and  
96 modernization of both commercial vessels, including cargo  
97 vessels, and vessels designed for national defense. Projects  
98 shall be evaluated based on the return on invested capital, job  
99 creation, and contribution to the economic competitiveness of  
100 this state and based on support for the national security  
101 interests of the United States. Additional considerations shall  
102 include the anticipated enhancement of this state's commercial  
103 maritime capabilities.

104 **Section 5. Subsections (66) through (112) of section**  
105 **316.003, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (67)**  
106 **through (113), respectively, subsections (59) and (65) are**  
107 **amended, and a new subsection (66) is added to that section, to**  
108 **read:**

109 316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when  
110 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively  
111 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context  
112 otherwise requires:

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113 (59) PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICE.—An electrically powered  
114 device that:

115 (a) Is operated on sidewalks, ~~and~~ crosswalks, bicycle  
116 lanes, bicycle paths, or shoulders on streets, roadways, or  
117 highways, excluding limited access facilities, and intended  
118 primarily for transporting property;

119 (b) Has a weight that does not exceed the maximum weight  
120 established by Department of Transportation rule;

121 (c) Operates at ~~Has~~ a maximum speed of 10 miles per hour  
122 on sidewalks and crosswalks and 20 miles per hour on bicycle  
123 lanes, bicycle paths, or shoulders on streets, roadways, or  
124 highways, excluding limited access facilities; and

125 (d) Is equipped with technology to allow for operation of  
126 the device with or without the active control or monitoring of a  
127 natural person.

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129 A personal delivery device is not considered a vehicle unless  
130 expressly defined by law as a vehicle. A mobile carrier is not  
131 considered a personal delivery device. The Department of  
132 Transportation may adopt rules to implement this subsection.

133 (65) PRIVATE ROAD OR DRIVEWAY.—Except as otherwise  
134 provided in paragraph (91) (b) ~~paragraph (90) (b)~~, any privately  
135 owned way or place used for vehicular travel by the owner and  
136 those having express or implied permission from the owner, but  
137 not by other persons.

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138 (66) PROHIBITED ZONE OF OPERATION.—

139 (a) The Florida Shared-use Nonmotorized Trail Network  
140 created in s. 339.81.

141 (b) A theme park or entertainment complex as defined in s.  
142 509.013(9).

143 (c) A state correctional institution as defined in s.  
144 944.02.

145 (d) A county detention facility, county residential  
146 probation center, municipal detention facility, or reduced  
147 custody housing area as defined on s. 951.23(1).

148 (e) A detention center or facility as defined in s.  
149 985.03.

150 **Section 6. Section 316.0076, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
151 **to read:**

152 316.0076 Regulation and use of cameras; prohibited uses.—

153 (1) Regulation of the use of cameras for enforcing the  
154 provisions of this chapter is expressly preempted to the state.  
155 The regulation of the use of cameras for enforcing the  
156 provisions of this chapter is not required to comply with  
157 provisions of chapter 493.

158 (2) (a) A state agency, county, municipality, special  
159 district, or other political subdivision of the state may not  
160 use cameras mounted on vehicles or other mobile platforms in  
161 conjunction with artificial intelligence systems, automated  
162 image analysis, or similar technologies to detect, identify, or

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163 issue notices of code enforcement violations or permitting  
164 violations. Evidence derived from such systems may not be used  
165 for issuing a citation, notice of violation, or enforcement  
166 action under any local ordinance or state law relating to  
167 building codes, land use, zoning, or permitting requirements.

168 (b) This subsection does not prohibit the use of vehicle-  
169 or other mobile platform-mounted cameras in conjunction with  
170 artificial intelligence for infrastructure inspection, public  
171 safety, or internal government assessments, provided that such  
172 technology is not used for automated enforcement or the issuance  
173 of a citation, notice of violation, or enforcement action to a  
174 real property owner or occupant.

175 **Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section**  
176 **316.008, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is**  
177 **added to that subsection, to read:**

178 316.008 Powers of local authorities.—

179 (7)

180 (b)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., a personal  
181 delivery device may be operated on sidewalks, crosswalks,  
182 bicycle lanes, bicycle paths, or shoulders on streets, roadways,  
183 or highways, excluding limited access facilities, and a mobile  
184 carrier may be operated on sidewalks and crosswalks within a  
185 county or municipality when such use is permissible under  
186 federal law. This subparagraph ~~paragraph~~ does not restrict a  
187 county or municipality from otherwise adopting regulations for

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188 the safe operation of personal delivery devices and mobile  
189 carriers in a manner consistent with this chapter.

190 2. A personal delivery device may not be operated on the  
191 Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network created under s.  
192 339.81 or components of the Florida Greenways and Trails System  
193 created under chapter 260 or in state forests, state parks, or  
194 wildlife management areas, or in any prohibited zone of  
195 operation.

196 (c) A county or municipality may not enact, impose, levy,  
197 collect, or enforce:

198 1. An operating fee for personal delivery devices, except  
199 as expressly authorized by general law; or

200 2. An advertising regulation that restricts, prohibits,  
201 conditions, or otherwise limits commercial advertising on  
202 personal delivery devices.

203 **Section 8. Effective October 1, 2026, subsections (3),**  
204 **(4), and (5) of section 316.0777, Florida Statutes, are**  
205 **renumbered as subsections (4), (5), and (6), respectively, and a**  
206 **new subsection (3) and subsection (7) are added to that section**  
207 **to read:**

208 316.0777 Automated license plate recognition systems;  
209 installation within rights-of-way of State Highway System and on  
210 and within property owned or controlled by private entity;  
211 public records exemption.-

212 (3) A private property owner may install an automated

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213 license plate recognition system solely for use on and within  
214 the property owned or controlled by the property owner. A  
215 private property owner that installs or directs the installation  
216 of such a system:

217 (a) May not access vehicle registration or title data for  
218 vehicles identified by the system, unless the private property  
219 owner is acting to the extent permitted by the Driver's Privacy  
220 Protection Act, 18 U.S.C. ss. 2721-2725, or for the limited  
221 purpose of providing notice to a vehicle owner that he or she  
222 failed to pay for parking and that such failure has resulted in  
223 a parking charge pursuant to s. 715.075.

224 (b) May not share or sell images, personal identifying  
225 information, vehicle identification numbers or license plate  
226 numbers, or any data that could be reasonably connected to an  
227 individual which is collected or generated by the system,  
228 except:

229 1. To the extent required to respond to a lawful request  
230 from a criminal justice agency;

231 2. To the extent required to control or enforce access to  
232 the property or for parking enforcement;

233 3. To the extent sharing such information is necessary to  
234 report suspicious activity or suspected criminal activity to a  
235 criminal justice agency; or

236 4. To the extent permitted by the Driver's Privacy  
237 Protection Act, 18 U.S.C. ss. 2721-2725.

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238 (c) Must contractually obligate any third party that  
239 installs, maintains, or operates the system or receives  
240 information pursuant to subparagraph (b)2. to protect the images  
241 or data collected or generated by the system from disclosure,  
242 including a prohibition on sharing or selling such images or  
243 data, except to the extent authorized under paragraph (b).

244 (d) Must implement, and must contractually obligate any  
245 third party that installs, maintains, or operates the system or  
246 receives information pursuant to subparagraph (b)2. to  
247 implement:

248 1. Industry-recognized encryption protocols to ensure that  
249 images and associated data collected or generated by the system  
250 are encrypted in transmission and at rest.

251 2. An auditable access control system that records access  
252 to images and associated data.

253 3. A data retention schedule that provides for deletion of  
254 images and data no later than 30 days after the images or data  
255 is collected or generated by the system, except to the extent  
256 needed to comply with a court order, subpoena, or the appeal  
257 process detailed in s. 715.075(1)(c) and (d) or to collect an  
258 unpaid invoice for parking enforcement. Records detailing  
259 disclosure logs or transaction information may be retained  
260 longer in accordance with federal law.

261 (e) May not offer or provide as payment or other  
262 consideration any portion of the proceeds derived from a fine or

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263 charge imposed based on images or data collected or generated by  
264 the system to any third party that installs, maintains, or  
265 operates the system, except to the extent the fine or violation  
266 is issued in connection with controlling or enforcing access to  
267 such property or for parking enforcement.

268 (7) A person who uses or releases information in violation  
269 of this section commits a noncriminal infraction, punishable by  
270 a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

271 **Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 316.187, Florida**  
272 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

273 316.187 Establishment of state speed zones.—

274 (2) (a) The maximum allowable speed limit on limited access  
275 highways is 80 ~~70~~ miles per hour.

276 (b) The maximum allowable speed limit on any other highway  
277 that ~~which~~ is outside an urban area of 5,000 or more persons and  
278 that ~~which~~ has at least four lanes divided by a median strip is  
279 70 ~~65~~ miles per hour.

280 (c) The Department of Transportation is authorized to set  
281 such maximum and minimum speed limits for travel over other  
282 roadways under its authority as it deems safe and advisable, not  
283 to exceed as a maximum limit 70 ~~60~~ miles per hour.

284 **Section 10. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 316.2071,**  
285 **Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to**  
286 **that section, to read:**

287 316.2071 Personal delivery devices and mobile carriers.—

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288 (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
289 a personal delivery device may operate on sidewalks, crosswalks,  
290 bicycle lanes, bicycle paths, or shoulders on streets, roadways,  
291 or highways, excluding limited access facilities, and a ~~or~~  
292 mobile carrier may operate on sidewalks and crosswalks, subject  
293 to s. 316.008(7)(b). Such ~~A~~ personal delivery device or mobile  
294 carrier ~~operating on a sidewalk or crosswalk~~ has all the rights  
295 and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same  
296 circumstances. ~~A, except that the personal delivery device or~~  
297 mobile carrier may ~~must~~ not unreasonably interfere with  
298 pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles ~~or traffic~~ and must  
299 yield the right-of-way to pedestrians ~~on the sidewalk or~~  
300 ~~crosswalk.~~

301 (3) A personal delivery device and a mobile carrier may  
302 not:

303 (a) Operate on a sidewalk, crosswalk, bicycle lane, or  
304 shoulder on a street, roadway, or highway, excluding a limited  
305 access facility, unless the personal delivery device or mobile  
306 carrier meets minimum criteria established by the Department of  
307 Transportation ~~public highway except to the extent necessary to~~  
308 ~~cross a crosswalk.~~

309 (b) Operate on a sidewalk, ~~or~~ crosswalk, bicycle lane,  
310 bicycle path, or shoulder on a street, roadway, or highway,  
311 excluding a limited access facility, unless a human who is an  
312 agent of the personal delivery device operator is capable of

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313 ~~actively~~ controlling and ~~or~~ monitoring the navigation and  
314 operation of the personal delivery device or a mobile carrier  
315 owner remains within 25 feet of the mobile carrier.

316 (c) Transport hazardous materials as defined in s.

317 316.003.

318 (d) For mobile carriers, transport persons or animals.

319 (e) Operate in a prohibited zone of operation.

320 (5) The Department of Transportation may adopt rules to  
321 implement this section.

322 **Section 11. Subsections (5) through (9) of section**  
323 **316.212, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6)**  
324 **through (10), respectively, paragraph (b) of present subsection**  
325 **(8) and present subsection (9) are amended, and a new subsection**  
326 **(5) is added to that section, to read:**

327 316.212 Operation of golf carts on certain roadways.—The  
328 operation of a golf cart upon the public roads or streets of  
329 this state is prohibited except as provided herein:

330 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a  
331 golf cart may be operated for the purpose of crossing a street  
332 or highway at a signalized intersection, provided that:

333 (a) The intersection is located wholly within the  
334 boundaries of a single local governmental entity.

335 (b) The local governmental entity has designated, for the  
336 operation of golf carts, the street or road located on both  
337 sides of the intersection with the street or highway.

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338           (c) The local governmental entity has approved the  
339 operation of golf carts for the purpose of crossing at the  
340 intersection and has posted appropriate signs at the  
341 intersection to indicate that such operation is authorized.

342           ~~(9)(8)~~ A local governmental entity may enact an ordinance  
343 relating to:

344           (b) Golf cart operation on sidewalks adjacent to specific  
345 segments of municipal streets, county roads, or state highways  
346 within the jurisdictional territory of the local governmental  
347 entity if:

348           1. The local governmental entity determines, after  
349 considering the condition and current use of the sidewalks, the  
350 character of the surrounding community, and the locations of  
351 authorized golf cart crossings, that golf carts, bicycles, and  
352 pedestrians may safely share the sidewalk;

353           2. The local governmental entity consults with the  
354 Department of Transportation before adopting the ordinance;

355           3. The ordinance restricts golf carts to a maximum speed  
356 of 15 miles per hour and permits such use on sidewalks adjacent  
357 to state highways only if the sidewalks are at least 8 feet  
358 wide;

359           4. The ordinance requires the golf carts to meet the  
360 equipment requirements in subsection (7) ~~(6)~~. However, the  
361 ordinance may require additional equipment, including horns or  
362 other warning devices required by s. 316.271; and

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363 5. The local governmental entity posts appropriate signs  
364 or otherwise informs residents that the ordinance exists and  
365 applies to such sidewalks.

366 ~~(10)-(9)~~ A violation of this section is a noncriminal  
367 traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as a  
368 moving violation for infractions of subsections ~~(1)-(6)~~ ~~(1)-(5)~~  
369 or a local ordinance corresponding thereto and enacted pursuant  
370 to subsection ~~(9)~~ ~~(8)~~, or punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as  
371 a nonmoving violation for infractions of subsection ~~(7)~~ ~~(6)~~,  
372 subsection ~~(8)~~ ~~(7)~~, or a local ordinance corresponding thereto  
373 and enacted pursuant to subsection ~~(9)~~ ~~(8)~~.

374 **Section 12. Subsections (2) through (5) of section**  
375 **316.3045, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3)**  
376 **through (6), respectively, and a new subsection (2) is added to**  
377 **that section to read:**

378 316.3045 Operation of radios or other mechanical or  
379 electronic soundmaking devices or instruments in vehicles;  
380 prevention of noise; exemptions.-

381 (2) A person operating a motor vehicle on a street or  
382 highway may not intentionally increase the revolutions per  
383 minute or unreasonably accelerate in a manner that would produce  
384 excessive or unusual noise.

385 **Section 13. Subsection (9) of section 318.14, Florida**  
386 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

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387 318.14 Noncriminal traffic infractions; exception;  
388 procedures.—

389 (9) Any person who does not hold a commercial driver  
390 license or commercial learner's permit and who is cited while  
391 driving a noncommercial motor vehicle for an infraction under  
392 this section other than a violation of s. 316.183(2), s.  
393 316.187, or s. 316.189 when the driver exceeds the posted limit  
394 by 30 miles per hour or more, s. 320.0605, s. 320.07(3)(a) or  
395 (b), s. 322.065, s. 322.15(1), s. 322.61, or s. 322.62 may, in  
396 lieu of a court appearance, elect to attend in the location of  
397 his or her choice within this state a basic driver improvement  
398 course approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
399 Vehicles. In such a case, adjudication must be withheld, any  
400 civil penalty that is imposed by s. 318.18(3) must be reduced by  
401 18 percent, and points, as provided by s. 322.27, may not be  
402 assessed. However, a person may not make an election under this  
403 subsection if the person has made an election under this  
404 subsection in the preceding 12 months or has made more than  
405 eight elections under this subsection in the preceding 20 years.  
406 ~~A person may not make more than eight elections within his or~~  
407 ~~her lifetime under this subsection.~~ The requirement for  
408 community service under s. 318.18(8) is not waived by a plea of  
409 nolo contendere or by the withholding of adjudication of guilt  
410 by a court.

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411           **Section 14. Section 319.1401, Florida Statutes, is created**  
412 **to read:**

413           319.1401 Titling and registering golf carts converted to  
414 low-speed vehicles.—A golf cart converted to a low-speed vehicle  
415 may be titled and registered for operation on certain roads. A  
416 motor vehicle dealer, a motor vehicle repair shop, or the  
417 department shall affirm in writing that the low-speed vehicle  
418 complies with the requirements of chapter 316, and the vehicle  
419 shall be assigned an identification number by the department.  
420 The identification number shall be unique to the low-speed  
421 vehicle and used for the issuance of a title and registration  
422 for the vehicle.

423           **Section 15. Section 320.06, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
424 **to read:**

425           320.06 Registration certificates and~~7~~ license plates;~~7~~ and  
426 validation stickers generally.—

427           (1)(a) Upon the receipt of an initial application for  
428 registration and payment of the appropriate license tax and  
429 other fees required by law, the department shall assign to the  
430 motor vehicle a registration license number consisting of  
431 letters and numerals or numerals and issue to the owner or  
432 lessee a certificate of registration and one registration  
433 license plate, unless two plates are required for display by s.  
434 320.0706, for each vehicle so registered.

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435 (b)1. Registration license plates bearing a graphic symbol  
436 and the alphanumeric system of identification shall be issued  
437 for a 10-year period. At the end of the 10-year period, upon  
438 renewal, the plate shall be replaced. The department shall  
439 extend the scheduled license plate replacement date from a 6-  
440 year period to a 10-year period. The fee for such replacement is  
441 \$28, \$2.80 of which shall be paid each year before the plate is  
442 replaced, to be credited toward the next \$28 replacement fee.  
443 The fees shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating  
444 Trust Fund. A credit or refund may not be given for any prior  
445 years' payments of the prorated replacement fee if the plate is  
446 replaced or surrendered before the end of the 10-year period,  
447 except that a credit may be given if a registrant is required by  
448 the department to replace a license plate under s.  
449 ~~320.08056(8) (a). With each license plate, a validation sticker~~  
450 ~~shall be issued showing the owner's birth month, license plate~~  
451 ~~number, and the year of expiration or the appropriate renewal~~  
452 ~~period if the owner is not a natural person. The validation~~  
453 ~~sticker shall be placed on the upper right corner of the license~~  
454 ~~plate. The license plate and validation sticker shall be issued~~  
455 ~~based on the applicant's appropriate renewal period. The~~  
456 registration period is 12 months, the extended registration  
457 period is 24 months, and all expirations occur based on the  
458 applicant's appropriate registration period. Rental vehicles  
459 taxed pursuant to s. 320.08(6) (a) and rental trucks taxed

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460 pursuant to s. 320.08(3)(a)-(c) and (4)(a)-(f) ~~(4)(a)-(d)~~ may  
461 elect a permanent registration period, provided payment of the  
462 appropriate license taxes and fees occurs annually.

463 2. ~~Beginning July 1, 2024,~~ A vehicle registered in  
464 accordance with the International Registration Plan must be  
465 issued a license plate for a 3-year period. At the end of the 3-  
466 year period, upon renewal, the license plate must be replaced.  
467 ~~Each license plate must include a validation sticker showing the~~  
468 ~~month of expiration.~~ A cab card denoting the declared gross  
469 vehicle weight for each apportioned jurisdiction must be issued  
470 annually. The fee for an original or a renewal cab card is \$28,  
471 which must be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust  
472 Fund. If the license plate is damaged or worn, it may be  
473 replaced at no charge by applying to the department and  
474 surrendering the current license plate.

475 3. In order to retain the efficient administration of the  
476 taxes and fees imposed by this chapter, the 80-cent fee increase  
477 in the replacement fee imposed by chapter 2009-71, Laws of  
478 Florida, is negated as provided in s. 320.0804.

479 (c) Registration license plates ~~equipped with validation~~  
480 ~~stickers~~ subject to the registration period are valid for not  
481 more than 12 months and expire at midnight on the last day of  
482 the registration period. A registration license plate ~~equipped~~  
483 ~~with a validation sticker~~ subject to the extended registration  
484 period is valid for not more than 24 months and expires at

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485 | midnight on the last day of the extended registration period. A  
486 | registration license plate ~~equipped with a validation sticker~~  
487 | subject to a permanent registration period is permanently valid  
488 | but shall become void if appropriate license taxes and fees are  
489 | not paid annually. For each registration period after the one in  
490 | which the metal registration license plate is issued, and until  
491 | the license plate is required to be replaced, the renewal shall  
492 | be recorded electronically ~~a validation sticker showing the~~  
493 | ~~month and year of expiration shall be issued~~ upon payment of the  
494 | proper license tax amount and fees and is valid for not more  
495 | than 12 months. For each extended registration period occurring  
496 | after the one in which the metal registration license plate is  
497 | issued and until the license plate is required to be replaced,  
498 | the renewal shall be recorded electronically ~~a validation~~  
499 | ~~sticker showing the year of expiration shall be issued~~ upon  
500 | payment of the proper license tax amount and fees and is valid  
501 | for not more than 24 months. For each permanent registration  
502 | period occurring after the one in which the metal registration  
503 | license plate is issued and until the license plate is required  
504 | to be replaced, the renewal shall be recorded electronically ~~a~~  
505 | ~~validation sticker showing a permanent registration period shall~~  
506 | ~~be issued~~ upon payment of the proper license tax amount and fees  
507 | and is permanently valid but shall become void if the proper  
508 | license taxes and fees are not paid annually. When license  
509 | plates ~~equipped with validation stickers~~ are issued in any month

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510 other than the owner's birth month or the designated  
511 registration period for any other motor vehicle, the effective  
512 date shall reflect the birth month or month and the year of  
513 renewal. However, when a license plate ~~or validation sticker~~ is  
514 issued for a period of less than 12 months, the applicant shall  
515 pay the appropriate amount of license tax and the applicable fee  
516 under s. 320.14 in addition to all other fees. Validation  
517 stickers issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(6)(a), for  
518 any company that owns 250 vehicles or more, or for semitrailers  
519 taxed under ~~the provisions of~~ s. 320.08(5)(a), for any company  
520 that owns 50 vehicles or more, may be placed on any vehicle in  
521 the fleet so long as the vehicle receiving the validation  
522 sticker has the same owner's name and address as the vehicle to  
523 which the validation sticker was originally assigned.

524 ~~(2) The department shall provide the several tax~~  
525 ~~collectors and license plate agents with the necessary number of~~  
526 ~~validation stickers.~~

527 (2)~~(3)~~(a) Registration license plates must be made of  
528 metal specially treated with a retroreflection material, as  
529 specified by the department. The registration license plate is  
530 designed to increase nighttime visibility and legibility and  
531 must be at least 6 inches wide and not less than 12 inches in  
532 length, unless a plate with reduced dimensions is deemed  
533 necessary by the department to accommodate motorcycles, mopeds,  
534 similar smaller vehicles, or trailers. ~~Validation stickers must~~

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535 ~~also be treated with a retroreflection material, must be of such~~  
536 ~~size as specified by the department, and must adhere to the~~  
537 ~~license plate.~~ The registration license plate must be imprinted  
538 with a combination of bold letters and numerals or numerals, not  
539 to exceed seven digits, to identify the registration license  
540 plate number. The license plate must be imprinted with the word  
541 "Florida" at the top and the name of the county in which it is  
542 sold, the state motto, or the words "Sunshine State" at the  
543 bottom. Apportioned license plates must have the word  
544 "Apportioned" at the bottom, and license plates issued for  
545 vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(3)(d), (4)(m) or (n), (5)(b) or  
546 (c), or (14) must have the word "Restricted" at the bottom.  
547 License plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12)  
548 must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top and the  
549 word "Dealer" at the bottom unless the license plate is a  
550 specialty license plate as authorized in s. 320.08056.  
551 Manufacturer license plates issued for vehicles taxed under s.  
552 320.08(12) must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top  
553 and the word "Manufacturer" at the bottom. License plates issued  
554 for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(5)(d) or (e) must be  
555 imprinted with the word "Wrecker" at the bottom. Any county may,  
556 upon majority vote of the county commission, elect to have the  
557 county name removed from the license plates sold in that county.  
558 The state motto or the words "Sunshine State" shall be printed  
559 in lieu thereof. A license plate issued for a vehicle taxed

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560 under s. 320.08(6) may not be assigned a registration license  
561 number, or be issued with any other distinctive character or  
562 designation, that distinguishes the motor vehicle as a for-hire  
563 motor vehicle.

564 (b) An additional fee of 50 cents shall be collected on  
565 each motor vehicle registration or motor vehicle renewal  
566 registration issued in this state in order for all license  
567 plates ~~and validation stickers~~ to be fully treated with  
568 retroreflection material. The fee shall be deposited into the  
569 Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

570 ~~(3)~~<sup>(4)</sup> The corporation organized under chapter 946 may  
571 manufacture license plates, ~~validation stickers~~, and decals, as  
572 well as temporary tags, disabled hang tags, vessel decals, and  
573 fuel use decals, for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
574 Vehicles as provided in this chapter and chapter 327. The  
575 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is not required  
576 to obtain competitive bids in order to contract with the  
577 corporation.

578 ~~(4)~~<sup>(5)</sup> The department may conduct a pilot program to  
579 evaluate the designs, concepts, and technologies for alternative  
580 license plates. For purposes of the pilot program, the  
581 department shall investigate the feasibility and use of  
582 alternative license plate technologies and the long-term cost  
583 impact to the consumer. The pilot program shall be limited to  
584 license plates that are used on government-owned motor vehicles

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585 as described in s. 320.0655. Such license plates are exempt from  
586 the requirements in paragraph (2)(a) ~~(3)(a)~~.

587 ~~(5)(6)~~ All license plates issued pursuant to this chapter  
588 are the property of this ~~the~~ state.

589 **Section 16. Subsection (16) and paragraph (a) of**  
590 **subsection (36) of section 320.64, Florida Statutes, are**  
591 **amended, and subsection (44) is added to that section, to read:**

592 320.64 Denial, suspension, or revocation of license;  
593 grounds.—A license of a licensee under s. 320.61 may be denied,  
594 suspended, or revoked within the entire state or at any specific  
595 location or locations within the state at which the applicant or  
596 licensee engages or proposes to engage in business, upon proof  
597 that the section was violated with sufficient frequency to  
598 establish a pattern of wrongdoing, and a licensee or applicant  
599 shall be liable for claims and remedies provided in ss. 320.695  
600 and 320.697 for any violation of any of the following  
601 provisions. A licensee is prohibited from committing the  
602 following acts:

603 (16)(a) Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise  
604 agreement, the applicant or licensee prevents or refuses to  
605 accept the succession to any interest in a franchise agreement  
606 by any legal heir or devisee under the will of a motor vehicle  
607 dealer or under the laws of descent and distribution of this  
608 state; provided, the applicant or licensee is not required to  
609 accept a succession:

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610           1. When ~~where~~ such heir or devisee does not meet  
611 licensee's written, reasonable, and uniformly applied minimal  
612 standard qualifications for dealer applicants;

613           2. ~~or~~ Which, after notice and administrative hearing  
614 pursuant to chapter 120, is demonstrated to be detrimental to  
615 the public interest or to the representation of the applicant or  
616 licensee; or

617           3. When the direct result of such succession will cause  
618 the applicant or licensee to be in violation of subsection (44).

619           (b) This subsection does not ~~Nothing contained herein,~~  
620 ~~however, shall~~ prevent a motor vehicle dealer, during his or her  
621 lifetime, from designating any person as his or her successor in  
622 interest by written instrument filed with and accepted by the  
623 applicant or licensee. A licensee who rejects the successor  
624 transferee under this subsection shall have the burden of  
625 establishing in any proceeding where such rejection is in issue  
626 that the rejection of the successor transferee complies with  
627 this subsection.

628           (36) (a) Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise  
629 agreement, in addition to any other statutory or contractual  
630 rights of recovery after the voluntary or involuntary  
631 termination, cancellation, or nonrenewal of a franchise, failing  
632 to pay the motor vehicle dealer, as provided in paragraph (d),  
633 the following amounts:

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634           1. The net cost paid by the dealer for each new motor  
635 vehicle other than motorcycles ~~car or truck~~ in the dealer's  
636 inventory with mileage of 2,000 miles or less, or each new ~~a~~  
637 motorcycle in the dealer's inventory with mileage of 100 miles  
638 or less, exclusive of mileage placed on the motor vehicle before  
639 it was delivered to the dealer.

640           2. The current price charged for each new, unused,  
641 undamaged, or unsold part or accessory that:

642           a. Is in the current parts catalog and is still in the  
643 original, resalable merchandising package and in an unbroken  
644 lot, except that sheet metal may be in a comparable substitute  
645 for the original package; and

646           b. Was purchased by the dealer directly from the  
647 manufacturer or distributor or from an outgoing authorized  
648 dealer as a part of the dealer's initial inventory.

649           3. The fair market value of each undamaged sign owned by  
650 the dealer which bears a trademark or trade name used or claimed  
651 by the applicant or licensee or its representative which was  
652 purchased from or at the request of the applicant or licensee or  
653 its representative.

654           4. The fair market value of all special tools, data  
655 processing equipment, and automotive service equipment owned by  
656 the dealer which:

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657 a. Were recommended in writing by the applicant or  
658 licensee or its representative and designated as special tools  
659 and equipment;

660 b. Were purchased from or at the request of the applicant  
661 or licensee or its representative; and

662 c. Are in usable and good condition except for reasonable  
663 wear and tear.

664 5. The cost of transporting, handling, packing, storing,  
665 and loading any property subject to repurchase under this  
666 section.

667 (44) (a) The applicant or licensee has directly or  
668 indirectly distributed 1,000 or more motor vehicles of a  
669 particular line-make to motor vehicle dealers in this state  
670 during any 12-month period and has directly or indirectly  
671 distributed more than 33.33 percent of those same line-make  
672 motor vehicles during that 12-month period to one motor vehicle  
673 dealer or to multiple motor vehicle dealers that share common  
674 ownership or control. For purposes of this subsection, a motor  
675 vehicle dealer shares common ownership or control with another  
676 motor vehicle dealer if:

677 1. It is directly or indirectly controlled by or has more  
678 than 30 percent of its equity interest directly or indirectly  
679 owned by another motor vehicle dealer; or

680 2. It has more than 30 percent of its equity interest  
681 directly or indirectly controlled or owned by one or more

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682 persons who also directly or indirectly control or own more than  
683 30 percent of the equity interests of another motor vehicle  
684 dealer.

685 (b) This subsection does not apply to any line-make of  
686 motor vehicle for which there exists a licensed franchised  
687 dealer in this state as of January 1, 2026, or to an applicant  
688 or licensee who is not prohibited by s. 320.645 from owning or  
689 operating a motor vehicle dealership.

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691 A motor vehicle dealer who can demonstrate that a violation of,  
692 or failure to comply with, any of the preceding provisions by an  
693 applicant or licensee will or may adversely and pecuniarily  
694 affect the complaining dealer, shall be entitled to pursue all  
695 of the remedies, procedures, and rights of recovery available  
696 under ss. 320.695 and 320.697.

697 **Section 17. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 320.643,**  
698 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

699 320.643 Transfer, assignment, or sale of franchise  
700 agreements.—

701 (1) (a) Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise  
702 agreement, a licensee may ~~shall~~ not, by contract or otherwise,  
703 fail or refuse to give effect to, prevent, prohibit, or penalize  
704 or attempt to refuse to give effect to, prohibit, or penalize  
705 any motor vehicle dealer from selling, assigning, transferring,  
706 alienating, or otherwise disposing of its franchise agreement to

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707 any other person or persons, including a corporation established  
708 or existing for the purpose of owning or holding a franchise  
709 agreement, unless the licensee proves at a hearing pursuant to a  
710 complaint filed by a motor vehicle dealer under this section  
711 that the sale, transfer, alienation, or other disposition:

712 1. Is to a person who is not, or whose controlling  
713 executive management is not, of good moral character;

714 2. Is to a person who ~~or~~ does not meet the written,  
715 reasonable, and uniformly applied standards or qualifications of  
716 the licensee relating to financial qualifications of the  
717 transferee and business experience of the transferee or the  
718 transferee's executive management; or

719 3. Would directly cause the licensee to be in violation of  
720 s. 320.64(44).

721 (b) A motor vehicle dealer who desires to sell, assign,  
722 transfer, alienate, or otherwise dispose of a franchise shall  
723 notify, or cause the proposed transferee to notify, the  
724 licensee, in writing, setting forth the prospective transferee's  
725 name, address, financial qualifications, and business experience  
726 during the previous 5 years. A licensee who receives such notice  
727 may, within 60 days following such receipt, notify the motor  
728 vehicle dealer, in writing, that the proposed transferee is not  
729 a person qualified to be a transferee under this section and  
730 setting forth the material reasons for such rejection. Failure  
731 of the licensee to notify the motor vehicle dealer within the

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732 60-day period of such rejection shall be deemed an approval of  
733 the transfer. No such transfer, assignment, or sale shall be  
734 valid unless the transferee agrees in writing to comply with all  
735 requirements of the franchise then in effect, but with the  
736 ownership changed to the transferee.

737 (c) ~~(b)~~ A motor vehicle dealer whose proposed sale is  
738 rejected may, within 60 days following such receipt of such  
739 rejection, file with the department a complaint for a  
740 determination that the proposed transferee has been rejected in  
741 violation of this section. The licensee has the burden of proof  
742 with respect to all issues raised by the complaint. The  
743 department shall determine, and enter an order providing, that  
744 the proposed transferee is either qualified or is not and cannot  
745 be qualified for specified reasons, or the order may provide the  
746 conditions under which a proposed transferee would be qualified.  
747 If the licensee fails to file such a response to the motor  
748 vehicle dealer's complaint within 30 days after receipt of the  
749 complaint, unless the parties agree in writing to an extension,  
750 or if the department, after a hearing, renders a decision other  
751 than one disqualifying the proposed transferee, the franchise  
752 agreement between the motor vehicle dealer and the licensee is  
753 deemed amended to incorporate such transfer or amended in  
754 accordance with the determination and order rendered, effective  
755 upon compliance by the proposed transferee with any conditions  
756 set forth in the determination or order.

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757 (2) (a) Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise  
758 agreement, a licensee may ~~shall~~ not, by contract or otherwise,  
759 fail or refuse to give effect to, prevent, prohibit, or  
760 penalize, or attempt to refuse to give effect to, prevent,  
761 prohibit, or penalize, any motor vehicle dealer or any  
762 proprietor, partner, stockholder, owner, or other person who  
763 holds or otherwise owns an interest therein from selling,  
764 assigning, transferring, alienating, or otherwise disposing of,  
765 in whole or in part, the equity interest of any of them in such  
766 motor vehicle dealer to any other person or persons, including a  
767 corporation established or existing for the purpose of owning or  
768 holding the stock or ownership interests of other entities,  
769 unless the licensee proves at a hearing pursuant to a complaint  
770 filed by a motor vehicle dealer under this section that the  
771 sale, transfer, alienation, or other disposition:

772 1. Is to a person who is not, or whose controlling  
773 executive management is not, of good moral character; or

774 2. Would directly cause the licensee to be in violation of  
775 s. 320.64(44).

776 (b) A motor vehicle dealer, or any proprietor, partner,  
777 stockholder, owner, or other person who holds or otherwise owns  
778 an interest in the motor vehicle dealer, who desires to sell,  
779 assign, transfer, alienate, or otherwise dispose of any interest  
780 in such motor vehicle dealer shall notify, or cause the proposed  
781 transferee to so notify, the licensee, in writing, of the

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782 identity and address of the proposed transferee. A licensee who  
783 receives such notice may, within 60 days following such receipt,  
784 notify the motor vehicle dealer in writing that the proposed  
785 transferee is not a person qualified to be a transferee under  
786 this section and setting forth the material reasons for such  
787 rejection. Failure of the licensee to notify the motor vehicle  
788 dealer within the 60-day period of such rejection shall be  
789 deemed an approval of the transfer. Any person whose proposed  
790 sale of stock is rejected may file within 60 days of receipt of  
791 such rejection a complaint with the department alleging that the  
792 rejection was in violation of the law or the franchise  
793 agreement. The licensee has the burden of proof with respect to  
794 all issues raised by such complaint. The department shall  
795 determine, and enter an order providing, that the proposed  
796 transferee either is qualified or is not and cannot be qualified  
797 for specified reasons; or the order may provide the conditions  
798 under which a proposed transferee would be qualified. If the  
799 licensee fails to file a response to the motor vehicle dealer's  
800 complaint within 30 days of receipt of the complaint, unless the  
801 parties agree in writing to an extension, or if the department,  
802 after a hearing, renders a decision on the complaint other than  
803 one disqualifying the proposed transferee, the transfer shall be  
804 deemed approved in accordance with the determination and order  
805 rendered, effective upon compliance by the proposed transferee  
806 with any conditions set forth in the determination or order.

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807        ~~(c)-(b)~~ Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a licensee may not  
808 reject a proposed transfer of a legal, equitable, or beneficial  
809 interest in a motor vehicle dealer to a trust or other entity,  
810 or to any beneficiary thereof, which is established by an owner  
811 of any interest in a motor vehicle dealer for purposes of estate  
812 planning, if the controlling person of the trust or entity, or  
813 the beneficiary, is of good moral character.

814        **Section 18. Present paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of**  
815 **section 330.41, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph**  
816 **(f), a new paragraph (d) and paragraph (e) are added to that**  
817 **subsection, and paragraph (c) of that subsection is amended, to**  
818 **read:**

819        330.41 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act.—

820        (3) REGULATION.—

821        (c) Except as otherwise expressly provided, a political  
822 subdivision may not withhold issuance of a business tax receipt,  
823 development permit, or other land use approval to a drone  
824 delivery service on a commercial property or enact or enforce an  
825 ordinance or a resolution that prohibits a drone delivery  
826 service's operation ~~based on the location of its drone port,~~  
827 notwithstanding part II of chapter 163 and chapter 205. A  
828 political subdivision may enforce minimum setback and  
829 landscaping regulations that are generally applicable to  
830 permitted uses in the applicable ~~drone port site's~~ zoning  
831 district. This paragraph may not be construed to authorize a

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832 political subdivision to require additional landscaping as a  
833 condition of approval of a drone delivery service on a  
834 commercial property ~~port~~.

835 (d)1. For the purpose of this paragraph, the term "major  
836 theme park or entertainment complex" means a complex comprised  
837 of at least 75 acres of land with permanent exhibitions and a  
838 variety of recreational activities, which has at least 1 million  
839 visitors annually who pay admission fees thereto, together with  
840 any lodging, dining, and recreational facilities located  
841 adjacent to, contiguous to, or in close proximity to the  
842 complex, as long as the owner and operator of the complex, or a  
843 parent or related company or subsidiary thereof, has an equity  
844 interest in the lodging, dining, or recreational facilities or  
845 is in privity therewith.

846 2. A drone delivery service is prohibited from operating  
847 over or delivering to a major theme park or entertainment  
848 complex without express written approval provided by the owner  
849 of the major theme park or entertainment complex to the owner or  
850 operator of the drone delivery device.

851 (e) The addition of a drone delivery service within the  
852 parking area of a commercial property does not reduce the number  
853 of parking spaces for the purpose of meeting applicable minimum  
854 parking requirements.

855 **Section 19. Subsection (4) of section 331.302, Florida**  
856 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

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857 331.302 Space Florida; creation; purpose.—

858 (4) (a) Space Florida is not an agency as defined in ss.  
859 216.011 and 287.012.

860 (b) Space Florida is not an agency as defined in s.  
861 287.055(2) (b) and is not subject to s. 255.20 when it purchases  
862 professional services or construction services, or both, using  
863 nonappropriated state funds. Space Florida must attest in  
864 writing that such funds are nonappropriated.

865 **Section 20. Section 331.3051, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
866 **to read:**

867 331.3051 Duties of Space Florida.—Space Florida must  
868 shall:

869 (1) (a) Create a business plan to foster the growth and  
870 development of the aerospace industry. The business plan must  
871 address business development, finance, spaceport operations,  
872 research and development, workforce development, and education.  
873 The business plan must be revised when determined as necessary  
874 by the board.

875 (b) Employ a full-time business development director for  
876 the spaceport territories identified in s. 331.304(2), (3), (6),  
877 and (7), whose primary focus must be to foster the growth and  
878 development of spaceport activities, including, but not limited  
879 to, horizontal launch capability, advanced air mobility, and  
880 unmanned aerial vehicles.

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881 (2) Enter into agreement with the Department of Education,  
882 the Department of Transportation, the Department of Commerce,  
883 and CareerSource Florida, Inc., for the purpose of implementing  
884 this act.

885 (3) In cooperation with the Department of Commerce,  
886 develop a plan to retain, expand, attract, and create aerospace  
887 industry entities, public or private, which results in the  
888 creation of high-value-added businesses and jobs in this state.

889 (4) Create a marketing campaign to help attract, develop,  
890 and retain aerospace businesses, aerospace research and  
891 technology, and other related activities in this state. Space  
892 Florida shall attempt to coordinate the campaign with existing  
893 economic development promotion efforts in this state and may use  
894 private resources. Marketing strategies may include developing  
895 promotional materials, Internet and print advertising, public  
896 relations and media placement, trade show attendance, and other  
897 activities.

898 (5) Consult with the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing  
899 Corporation in developing a space tourism marketing plan. Space  
900 Florida and the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation  
901 may enter into a mutually beneficial agreement that provides  
902 funding to the corporation for its services to implement this  
903 subsection.

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904 (6) Develop, in cooperation with the Department of  
905 Commerce, a plan to provide financing assistance to aerospace  
906 businesses. The plan may include the following activities:

907 (a) Assembling, publishing, and disseminating information  
908 concerning financing opportunities and techniques for aerospace  
909 projects, programs, and activities; sources of public and  
910 private aerospace financing assistance; and sources of  
911 aerospace-related financing.

912 (b) Organizing, hosting, and participating in seminars and  
913 other forums designed to disseminate information and technical  
914 assistance regarding aerospace-related financing.

915 (c) Coordinating with programs and goals of the Department  
916 of Defense, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration,  
917 the Export-Import Bank of the United States, the International  
918 Trade Administration of the United States Department of  
919 Commerce, the Foreign Credit Insurance Association, and other  
920 private and public programs and organizations, domestic and  
921 foreign.

922 (d) Establishing a network of contacts among those  
923 domestic and foreign public and private organizations that  
924 provide information, technical assistance, and financial support  
925 to the aerospace industry.

926 (e) Financing aerospace business development projects or  
927 initiatives using funds provided by the Legislature.

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928 (7) Carry out its responsibilities for spaceport  
929 operations by:

930 (a) Seeking federal support and developing partnerships to  
931 renew and upgrade the infrastructure and technologies at the  
932 Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, the John F. Kennedy Space  
933 Center, and the Eastern Range that will enhance space and  
934 military programs of the Federal Government, and improve access  
935 for commercial launch activities.

936 (b) Supporting federal efforts to clarify roles and  
937 responsibilities of federal agencies and eliminate duplicative  
938 federal rules and policies, in an effort to streamline access  
939 for commercial launch users.

940 (c) Pursuing the development of commercial spaceports in  
941 the state, in addition to those defined in s. 331.304, through a  
942 competitive request for proposals in partnership with counties  
943 or municipalities, the Federal Government, or private entities.

944 (d) Promoting and facilitating launch activity within the  
945 state by supporting and assisting commercial launch operators in  
946 completing and submitting required documentation and gaining  
947 approvals and authorization from the required federal agencies  
948 for launching from Florida.

949 (e) Consulting regularly with the appropriate federal,  
950 state, and local authorities, including the National Aeronautics  
951 and Space Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration,  
952 the Department of Defense, the Department of Transportation, the

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953 Florida National Guard, and industry on all aspects of  
954 establishing and operating spaceport infrastructure and related  
955 aerospace facilities within the state.

956 (8) Carry out its responsibility for research and  
957 development by:

958 (a) Contracting for the operations of the state's Space  
959 Life Sciences Laboratory.

960 (b) Working in collaboration with one or more public or  
961 private universities and other public or private entities to  
962 foster and promote the research necessary to develop  
963 commercially promising, advanced, and innovative science and  
964 technology and transfer those discoveries to the commercial  
965 sector. This may include developing a proposal to establish a  
966 Center of Excellence for Aerospace.

967 (c) Supporting universities in this state that are members  
968 of the Federal Aviation Administration's Center of Excellence  
969 for Commercial Space Transportation to assure a safe,  
970 environmentally compatible, and efficient commercial space  
971 transportation system in this state.

972 (9) Carry out its responsibility for workforce development  
973 by coordinating with CareerSource Florida, Inc., community  
974 colleges, colleges, public and private universities, and other  
975 public and private partners to develop a plan to retain, train,  
976 and retrain workers, from entry-level skills training through to

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977 technician-level, and 4-year degrees and higher, with the skills  
978 most relevant to aerospace employers.

979 (10) Carry out its responsibility for creating innovative  
980 education programs by funding programs developed in conjunction  
981 with the Department of Education that target grades K-20 in an  
982 effort to promote mathematics and science education programs,  
983 which may include the Florida-NASA Matching Grant Program,  
984 aerospace-focused education programs for teachers, education-  
985 oriented microgravity flight programs for teachers and students,  
986 and Internet-based aerospace education. Funds appropriated and  
987 any in-kind or private sector contributions may be used to carry  
988 out innovative education programs. Funding levels shall be  
989 determined by the Space Florida board of directors. In its  
990 annual report, Space Florida shall include, at a minimum, a  
991 description of programs funded, the number of students served,  
992 and private sector support.

993 (11) Regularly solicit input on Space Florida plans and  
994 activities from the aerospace industry, private sector spaceport  
995 territory stakeholders, each entity that owns or has ownership  
996 interest in a facility within spaceport territory, and other  
997 political subdivisions within spaceport territory.

998 (12) Partner with the Board of Governors to foster  
999 technological advancement and economic development for spaceport  
1000 activities by strengthening higher education programs and  
1001 supporting aerospace activities.

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1002 (13) Partner with the Division of Workforce Services of  
1003 the Department of Commerce, CareerSource Florida, Inc., and  
1004 local workforce development boards to support initiatives that  
1005 address the high technology skills and staff resources needed to  
1006 better promote the state's efforts in becoming the nation's  
1007 leader in aerospace and space exploration.

1008 (14) Partner with the Metropolitan Planning Organization  
1009 Advisory Council to coordinate and specify how aerospace  
1010 planning and programming will be part of the state's cooperative  
1011 transportation planning process.

1012 (15) Administer the International Aerospace Innovation  
1013 Fund established under s. 331.372.

1014 (16) By October 1, 2023, and each year thereafter, submit  
1015 to the Department of Commerce for inclusion in the annual report  
1016 required under s. 20.60 a complete and detailed written report  
1017 setting forth:

1018 (a) Its operations and accomplishments during the fiscal  
1019 year.

1020 (b) Accomplishments and progress concerning the  
1021 implementation of the spaceport master plan and other measurable  
1022 goals, and any updates to such plan and measurable goals.

1023 (c) Any other information required by the Department of  
1024 Commerce.

1025 (17) (a) In addition to the reporting requirements in  
1026 chapter 189, annually report on its performance with respect to

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1027 its business plan, to include finance, spaceport operations,  
1028 research and development, workforce development, and education.

1029 (b) Space Florida shall submit the report to the Governor,  
1030 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
1031 Representatives by November 30 for the previous fiscal year.

1032 (c) The annual report must include operations information  
1033 as required under s. 331.310(2)(e) and data on the economic  
1034 impact of the aerospace industry in the state during the  
1035 previous year, including, but not limited to, the amount and  
1036 sources of capital investment, the number of jobs created and  
1037 retained, and annualized average wages, listed by geographic  
1038 areas within the state as specified by the board.

1039 **Section 21. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section**  
1040 **331.3081, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (f) and**  
1041 **amended, and a new paragraph (e) is added to that section, to**  
1042 **read:**

1043 331.3081 Board of directors.—

1044 (1) Space Florida shall be governed by an independent  
1045 board of directors that consists of the Governor, who shall  
1046 serve ex officio, or who may appoint a designee to serve, as the  
1047 chair and a voting member of the board, and the following  
1048 appointed members:

1049 (e) A representative of the Jacksonville Aviation  
1050 Authority, appointed by the Governor.

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1051        ~~(f)(e)~~ A representative of each of the following entities,  
1052 who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the board,  
1053 appointed by the Governor:

1054        ~~1. The Jacksonville Aviation Authority.~~

1055        ~~1.2.~~ The Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority.

1056        ~~2.3.~~ An employee or official of a port district or port  
1057 authority as defined in s. 315.02(2).

1058        **Section 22. Subsection (1) of section 332.001, Florida**  
1059 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1060        332.001 Aviation; powers and duties of the Department of  
1061 Transportation.—

1062        (1) It shall be the duty, function, and responsibility of  
1063 the Department of Transportation to plan and direct investments  
1064 in airport systems in this state to facilitate the efficient  
1065 movement of passengers and cargo and to continuously improve the  
1066 experience for the flying public and the supply chain of this  
1067 state's businesses. In carrying out this duty and  
1068 responsibility, the department may assist and advise, cooperate,  
1069 and coordinate with the federal, state, local, or private  
1070 organizations and individuals in planning such systems of  
1071 airports.

1072        **Section 23. Subsection (10) is added to section 332.006,**  
1073 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

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1074 332.006 Duties and responsibilities of the Department of  
1075 Transportation.—The Department of Transportation shall, within  
1076 the resources provided to the department:

1077 (10) Coordinate with commercial service airports in this  
1078 state to review policies and programs of the United States  
1079 Transportation Security Administration, including programs for  
1080 veterans and active duty members of the United States Armed  
1081 Forces and their families, to increase the efficiency of  
1082 passenger screening and the overall customer service experience  
1083 of the flying public.

1084 **Section 24. Subsections (4), (5), and (6) of section**  
1085 **332.0075, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5),**  
1086 **(6), and (7), respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to**  
1087 **that section to read:**

1088 332.0075 Commercial service airports; transparency and  
1089 accountability; penalty.—

1090 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, commercial  
1091 service airports must provide methods for obtaining and  
1092 maintaining critical infrastructure resources for the airport,  
1093 its tenants, and the traveling public. Such strategies must  
1094 include long-term contracts and rights of first refusal  
1095 regarding the sale of and contingency plans for such resources.  
1096 For purposes of this subsection, the term "critical  
1097 infrastructure resources" includes, but is not limited to,  
1098 access to electricity, fuel, and water resources.

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1099           **Section 25. Subsections (1) through (37) of section**  
1100 **334.03, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2)**  
1101 **through (38), respectively, present subsection (29) is amended,**  
1102 **and a new subsection (1) is added to that section, to read:**

1103           334.03 Definitions.—When used in the Florida  
1104 Transportation Code, the term:

1105           (1) "Advanced air mobility corridor connection point"  
1106 means any land area or transportation facility, including any  
1107 airspace, designated by the department as suitable to support  
1108 the efficient movement of people and goods by use as a  
1109 connection point for advanced air mobility.

1110           ~~(30)(29)~~ "Transportation corridor" means any advanced air  
1111 mobility corridor connection point or any land area designated  
1112 by the state, a county, or a municipality which is between two  
1113 geographic points and which area is used or suitable for the  
1114 movement of people and goods by one or more modes of  
1115 transportation, including areas necessary for management of  
1116 access and securing applicable approvals and permits.

1117 Transportation corridors, other than advanced air mobility  
1118 corridor connection points, shall contain, but are not limited  
1119 to, the following:

1120           (a) Existing publicly owned rights-of-way;

1121           (b) All property or property interests necessary for  
1122 future transportation facilities, including rights of access,  
1123 air, view, and light, whether public or private, for the purpose

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1124 of securing and utilizing future transportation rights-of-way,  
1125 including, but not limited to, any lands reasonably necessary  
1126 now or in the future for securing applicable approvals and  
1127 permits, borrow pits, drainage ditches, water retention areas,  
1128 rest areas, replacement access for landowners whose access could  
1129 be impaired due to the construction of a future facility, and  
1130 replacement rights-of-way for relocation of rail and utility  
1131 facilities.

1132 **Section 26. Subsections (5), (20), and (21) of section**  
1133 **334.044, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (40),**  
1134 **(41), and (42) are added to that section, to read:**

1135 334.044 Powers and duties of the department.—The  
1136 department shall have the following general powers and duties:

1137 (5) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire property and  
1138 materials, including the purchase of promotional items as part  
1139 of public information and education campaigns for the promotion  
1140 of environmental management, scenic highways, traffic and train  
1141 safety awareness, commercial motor vehicle safety, workforce  
1142 development, transportation economic development opportunities  
1143 ~~electric vehicle use and charging stations~~, autonomous vehicles,  
1144 advanced air mobility, and context classification for electric  
1145 vehicles and autonomous vehicles; to purchase, lease, or  
1146 otherwise acquire equipment and supplies; and to sell, exchange,  
1147 or otherwise dispose of any property that is no longer needed by  
1148 the department.

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1149           (20) To operate and maintain research facilities  
1150 designated by the department, to conduct and enter into  
1151 contracts and agreements for compensation for conducting  
1152 research by the department and private entities studies, and to  
1153 collect data necessary for the improvement of the state  
1154 transportation system.

1155           (21) To conduct and enter into contracts and agreements  
1156 for research and demonstration projects relative to innovative  
1157 transportation technologies.

1158           (40) To coordinate with local governmental entities to  
1159 review grant applications for federal funding for transportation  
1160 projects that impact or may impact state-owned rights-of-way,  
1161 roads, bridges, or limited access facilities.

1162           (41) To coordinate with and provide assistance to local  
1163 governmental entities in the development and review of  
1164 applications for federal transportation funding.

1165           (42) Notwithstanding s. 20.255(9), to serve as the point  
1166 of contact for statewide topographic aerial light detection and  
1167 ranging (LiDAR) procurement and cost sharing related to  
1168 statewide geographic information systems and geospatial data  
1169 sharing. The department may provide these services to other  
1170 state and local agencies by entering into an interagency  
1171 agreement consistent with chapter 216. Notwithstanding any other  
1172 law, including any charter provision, ordinance, statute, or  
1173 special law, all state and local agencies conducting programs or

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1174 exercising powers relating to topographic aerial LiDAR may enter  
1175 into interagency agreements consistent with chapter 216 with the  
1176 department for the provision by the department of topographic  
1177 aerial LiDAR procurement and cost-sharing services, and to  
1178 delegate such authority to conduct programs or exercise powers  
1179 relating to topographic aerial LiDAR procurement and cost-  
1180 sharing services to the department pursuant to such interagency  
1181 agreements. The department may adopt rules pursuant to ss.  
1182 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this subsection.

1183 **Section 27. Paragraphs (a) and (i) of subsection (3) and**  
1184 **paragraphs (b), (d), and (r) of subsection (7) of section**  
1185 **337.401, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1186 337.401 Use of right-of-way for utilities subject to  
1187 regulation; permit; fees.—

1188 (3) (a) Because of the unique circumstances applicable to  
1189 providers of communications services, including, but not limited  
1190 to, the circumstances described in paragraph (e) and the fact  
1191 that federal and state law require the nondiscriminatory  
1192 treatment of providers of telecommunications services, and  
1193 because of the desire to promote competition among providers of  
1194 communications services, it is the intent of the Legislature  
1195 that municipalities and counties treat providers of  
1196 communications services in a nondiscriminatory and competitively  
1197 neutral manner when imposing rules or regulations governing the  
1198 placement or maintenance of communications facilities in the

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1199 public roads or rights-of-way. Rules or regulations imposed by a  
1200 municipality or county relating to providers of communications  
1201 services placing or maintaining communications facilities in its  
1202 roads or rights-of-way must be generally applicable to all  
1203 providers of communications services, taking into account the  
1204 distinct engineering, construction, operation, maintenance,  
1205 public works, and safety requirements of the provider's  
1206 facilities, and, notwithstanding any other law, may not require  
1207 a provider of communications services to apply for or enter into  
1208 an individual license, franchise, or other agreement with the  
1209 municipality or county as a condition of placing or maintaining  
1210 communications facilities in its roads or rights-of-way. In  
1211 addition to other reasonable rules or regulations that a  
1212 municipality or county may adopt relating to the placement or  
1213 maintenance of communications facilities in its roads or rights-  
1214 of-way under this subsection or subsection (7), a municipality  
1215 or county may require a provider of communications services that  
1216 places or seeks to place facilities in its roads or rights-of-  
1217 way to register with the municipality or county. To register, a  
1218 provider of communications services may be required only to  
1219 provide its name; the name, address, and telephone number of a  
1220 contact person for the registrant; the number of the  
1221 registrant's current certificate of authorization issued by the  
1222 Florida Public Service Commission, the Federal Communications  
1223 Commission, or the Department of State; a statement of whether

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1224 the registrant is a pass-through provider as defined in  
1225 subparagraph (6)(a)1.; the registrant's federal employer  
1226 identification number; and any required proof of insurance or  
1227 self-insuring status adequate to defend and cover claims. A  
1228 municipality or county may not require a registrant to renew a  
1229 registration more frequently than every 5 years but may require  
1230 during this period that a registrant update the registration  
1231 information provided under this subsection within 90 days after  
1232 a change in such information. A municipality or county may not  
1233 require the registrant to provide an inventory of communications  
1234 facilities, maps, locations of such facilities, or other  
1235 information by a registrant as a condition of registration,  
1236 renewal, or for any other purpose; provided, however, that a  
1237 municipality or county may require as part of a permit  
1238 application that the applicant identify at-grade communications  
1239 facilities within 50 feet of the proposed installation location  
1240 for the placement of at-grade communications facilities. A  
1241 municipality or county may not require a provider to pay any  
1242 fee, cost, or other charge for registration or renewal thereof.  
1243 A municipality or county may not require a provider to locate or  
1244 perform a survey of any facilities other than those of the  
1245 provider or to perform a survey of any right-of-way boundary as  
1246 a condition of a permit. If the owner of a facility fails to  
1247 locate its facilities as required by chapter 556, a provider  
1248 must use reasonable care and detection equipment or other

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1249 acceptable means to avoid damaging existing underground  
1250 facilities. A municipality or county may not in any way limit  
1251 the number of permits issued to a provider, including by project  
1252 size or by limiting the number of open permits or applications,  
1253 provided that the permit is closed within 45 days after the  
1254 provider completes the work. A municipality or county may  
1255 require the submission or maintenance of a bond or other  
1256 financial instrument as provided in this section but may not  
1257 require a cash deposit or other escrow, payment, or exaction as  
1258 a condition of issuing a permit. It is the intent of the  
1259 Legislature that the placement, operation, maintenance,  
1260 upgrading, and extension of communications facilities not be  
1261 unreasonably interrupted or delayed through the permitting or  
1262 other local regulatory process. Except as provided in this  
1263 chapter or otherwise expressly authorized by chapter 202,  
1264 chapter 364, or chapter 610, a municipality or county may not  
1265 adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, or requirement as to  
1266 the placement or operation of communications facilities in a  
1267 right-of-way by a communications services provider authorized by  
1268 state or local law to operate in a right-of-way; regulate any  
1269 communications services; or impose or collect any tax, fee,  
1270 cost, charge, or exaction for the placement of communications  
1271 facilities or the provision of communications services over the  
1272 communications services provider's communications facilities in  
1273 a right-of-way.

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1274 (i) Except as expressly provided in this section, this  
1275 section does not modify the authority of municipalities and  
1276 counties to levy the tax authorized in chapter 202 or the duties  
1277 of providers of communications services under ss. 337.402-  
1278 337.404. This section does not apply to ~~building permits~~, pole  
1279 attachments, ~~or~~ private roads, private easements, ~~and~~ private  
1280 rights-of-way, or building permits unrelated to the placement of  
1281 communications facilities.

1282 (7)

1283 (b) As used in subsections (3)-(9) ~~this subsection~~, the  
1284 term:

1285 1. "Antenna" means communications equipment that transmits  
1286 or receives electromagnetic radio frequency signals used in  
1287 providing wireless services.

1288 2. "Applicable codes" means uniform building, fire,  
1289 electrical, plumbing, or mechanical codes adopted by a  
1290 recognized national code organization or local amendments to  
1291 those codes enacted solely to address threats of destruction of  
1292 property or injury to persons, and includes the National  
1293 Electric Safety Code and the 2017 edition of the Florida  
1294 Department of Transportation Utility Accommodation Manual.

1295 3. "Applicant" means a person who submits an application  
1296 and is a wireless provider.

1297 4. "Application" means a request submitted by an applicant  
1298 to an authority for a permit to collocate small wireless

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1299 facilities, ~~or to~~ place a new utility pole used to support a  
1300 small wireless facility, or place other communications  
1301 facilities. An authority's permit application form or process  
1302 must include all required permissions, however designated,  
1303 required by the authority to grant a permit to place  
1304 communications facilities, including, but not limited to, right-  
1305 of-way occupancy, building permits, electrical permits, and  
1306 historic review.

1307 5. "Authority" means a county or municipality having  
1308 jurisdiction and control of the rights-of-way of any public  
1309 road. The term does not include the Department of  
1310 Transportation. Rights-of-way under the jurisdiction and control  
1311 of the department are excluded from this subsection.

1312 6. "Authority utility pole" means a utility pole owned by  
1313 an authority in the right-of-way. The term does not include a  
1314 utility pole owned by a municipal electric utility, a utility  
1315 pole used to support municipally owned or operated electric  
1316 distribution facilities, or a utility pole located in the right-  
1317 of-way within:

1318 a. A retirement community that:

1319 (I) Is deed restricted as housing for older persons as  
1320 defined in s. 760.29(4) (b);

1321 (II) Has more than 5,000 residents; and

1322 (III) Has underground utilities for electric transmission  
1323 or distribution.

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- 1324           b. A municipality that:
- 1325           (I) Is located on a coastal barrier island as defined in
- 1326 s. 161.053(1)(b)3.;
- 1327           (II) Has a land area of less than 5 square miles;
- 1328           (III) Has less than 10,000 residents; and
- 1329           (IV) Has, before July 1, 2017, received referendum
- 1330 approval to issue debt to finance municipal-wide undergrounding
- 1331 of its utilities for electric transmission or distribution.
- 1332           7. "Collocate" or "collocation" means to install, mount,
- 1333 maintain, modify, operate, or replace one or more wireless
- 1334 facilities on, under, within, or adjacent to a wireless support
- 1335 structure or utility pole. The term does not include the
- 1336 installation of a new utility pole or wireless support structure
- 1337 in the public rights-of-way.
- 1338           8. "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission.
- 1339           9. "Micro wireless facility" means a small wireless
- 1340 facility having dimensions no larger than 24 inches in length,
- 1341 15 inches in width, and 12 inches in height and an exterior
- 1342 antenna, if any, no longer than 11 inches.
- 1343           10. "Small wireless facility" means a wireless facility
- 1344 that meets the following qualifications:
- 1345           a. Each antenna associated with the facility is located
- 1346 inside an enclosure of no more than 6 cubic feet in volume or,
- 1347 in the case of antennas that have exposed elements, each antenna

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1348 and all of its exposed elements could fit within an enclosure of  
1349 no more than 6 cubic feet in volume; and

1350 b. All other wireless equipment associated with the  
1351 facility is cumulatively no more than 28 cubic feet in volume.  
1352 The following types of associated ancillary equipment are not  
1353 included in the calculation of equipment volume: electric  
1354 meters, concealment elements, telecommunications demarcation  
1355 boxes, ground-based enclosures, grounding equipment, power  
1356 transfer switches, cutoff switches, vertical cable runs for the  
1357 connection of power and other services, and utility poles or  
1358 other support structures.

1359 11. "Utility pole" means a pole or similar structure that  
1360 is used in whole or in part to provide communications services  
1361 or for electric distribution, lighting, traffic control,  
1362 signage, or a similar function. The term includes the vertical  
1363 support structure for traffic lights but does not include a  
1364 horizontal structure to which signal lights or other traffic  
1365 control devices are attached and does not include a pole or  
1366 similar structure 15 feet in height or less unless an authority  
1367 grants a waiver for such pole.

1368 12. "Wireless facility" means equipment at a fixed  
1369 location which enables wireless communications between user  
1370 equipment and a communications network, including radio  
1371 transceivers, antennas, wires, coaxial or fiber-optic cable or  
1372 other cables, regular and backup power supplies, and comparable

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1373 equipment, regardless of technological configuration, and  
1374 equipment associated with wireless communications. The term  
1375 includes small wireless facilities. The term does not include:  
1376       a. The structure or improvements on, under, within, or  
1377 adjacent to the structure on which the equipment is collocated;  
1378       b. Wireline backhaul facilities; or  
1379       c. Coaxial or fiber-optic cable that is between wireless  
1380 structures or utility poles or that is otherwise not immediately  
1381 adjacent to or directly associated with a particular antenna.

1382       13. "Wireless infrastructure provider" means a person who  
1383 has been certificated under chapter 364 to provide  
1384 telecommunications service or under chapter 610 to provide cable  
1385 or video services in this state, or that person's affiliate, and  
1386 who builds or installs wireless communication transmission  
1387 equipment, wireless facilities, or wireless support structures  
1388 but is not a wireless services provider.

1389       14. "Wireless provider" means a wireless infrastructure  
1390 provider or a wireless services provider.

1391       15. "Wireless services" means any services provided using  
1392 licensed or unlicensed spectrum, whether at a fixed location or  
1393 mobile, using wireless facilities.

1394       16. "Wireless services provider" means a person who  
1395 provides wireless services.

1396       17. "Wireless support structure" means a freestanding  
1397 structure, such as a monopole, a guyed or self-supporting tower,

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1398 or another existing or proposed structure designed to support or  
1399 capable of supporting wireless facilities. The term does not  
1400 include a utility pole, pedestal, or other support structure for  
1401 ground-based equipment not mounted on a utility pole and less  
1402 than 5 feet in height.

1403 (d) An authority may require a registration process and  
1404 permit fees in accordance with subsection (3). An authority  
1405 shall accept applications for permits and shall process and  
1406 issue permits subject to the following requirements:

1407 1. An authority may not directly or indirectly require an  
1408 applicant to perform services unrelated to the collocation for  
1409 which approval is sought, such as in-kind contributions to the  
1410 authority, including reserving fiber, conduit, or pole space for  
1411 the authority.

1412 2. An applicant may not be required to provide more  
1413 information to obtain a permit than is necessary to demonstrate  
1414 the applicant's compliance with applicable codes for the  
1415 placement of small wireless facilities in the locations  
1416 identified in the application. An applicant may not be required  
1417 to provide inventories, maps, or locations of communications  
1418 facilities in the right-of-way other than as necessary to avoid  
1419 interference with other at-grade or aerial facilities located at  
1420 the specific location proposed for a small wireless facility or  
1421 within 50 feet of such location.

1422 3. An authority may not:

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- 1423           a. Require the placement of small wireless facilities on  
1424 any specific utility pole or category of poles;
- 1425           b. Require the placement of multiple antenna systems on a  
1426 single utility pole;
- 1427           c. Require a demonstration that collocation of a small  
1428 wireless facility on an existing structure is not legally or  
1429 technically possible as a condition for granting a permit for  
1430 the collocation of a small wireless facility on a new utility  
1431 pole except as provided in paragraph (i);
- 1432           d. Require compliance with an authority's provisions  
1433 regarding placement of communications facilities, including  
1434 small wireless facilities or a new utility pole used to support  
1435 a small wireless facility, in rights-of-way under the control of  
1436 the department unless the authority has received a delegation  
1437 from the department for the location of the small wireless  
1438 facility or utility pole, or require such compliance as a  
1439 condition to receive a permit that is ancillary to the permit  
1440 for collocation of a small wireless facility, including an  
1441 electrical permit;
- 1442           e. Require a meeting before filing an application;
- 1443           f. Require direct or indirect public notification or a  
1444 public meeting for the placement of communication facilities in  
1445 the right-of-way;

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1446 g. Limit the size or configuration of a small wireless  
1447 facility or any of its components, if the small wireless  
1448 facility complies with the size limits in this subsection;

1449 h. Prohibit the installation of a new utility pole used to  
1450 support the collocation of a small wireless facility if the  
1451 installation otherwise meets the requirements of this  
1452 subsection; ~~or~~

1453 i. Require that any component of a small wireless facility  
1454 be placed underground except as provided in paragraph (i); or

1455 j. Require compliance with an authority's provisions  
1456 regarding the placement of communications facilities, including  
1457 small wireless facilities or a new utility pole used to support  
1458 a small wireless facility, in rights-of-way not owned and  
1459 controlled by the authority or public utility easements that are  
1460 not within an area owned and controlled by the authority unless  
1461 a permit delegation agreement exists between the authority and  
1462 the owner of the rights-of-way or easement.

1463 4. Subject to paragraph (r), an authority may not limit  
1464 the placement, by minimum separation distances, of small  
1465 wireless facilities, utility poles on which small wireless  
1466 facilities are or will be collocated, or other at-grade  
1467 communications facilities. However, within 14 days after the  
1468 date of filing the application, an authority may request that  
1469 the proposed location of a small wireless facility be moved to  
1470 another location in the right-of-way and placed on an

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1471 alternative authority utility pole or support structure or  
1472 placed on a new utility pole. The authority and the applicant  
1473 may negotiate the alternative location, including any objective  
1474 design standards and reasonable spacing requirements for ground-  
1475 based equipment, for 30 days after the date of the request. At  
1476 the conclusion of the negotiation period, if the alternative  
1477 location is accepted by the applicant, the applicant must notify  
1478 the authority of such acceptance and the application shall be  
1479 deemed granted for any new location for which there is agreement  
1480 and all other locations in the application. If an agreement is  
1481 not reached, the applicant must notify the authority of such  
1482 nonagreement and the authority must grant or deny the original  
1483 application within 90 days after the date the application was  
1484 filed. A request for an alternative location, an acceptance of  
1485 an alternative location, or a rejection of an alternative  
1486 location must be in writing and provided by electronic mail.

1487       5. An authority shall limit the height of a small wireless  
1488 facility to 10 feet above the utility pole or structure upon  
1489 which the small wireless facility is to be collocated. Unless  
1490 waived by an authority, the height for a new utility pole is  
1491 limited to the tallest existing utility pole as of July 1, 2017,  
1492 located in the same right-of-way, other than a utility pole for  
1493 which a waiver has previously been granted, measured from grade  
1494 in place within 500 feet of the proposed location of the small  
1495 wireless facility. If there is no utility pole within 500 feet,

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1496 the authority shall limit the height of the utility pole to 50  
1497 feet.

1498 6. The installation by a communications services provider  
1499 of a utility pole in the public rights-of-way, other than a  
1500 utility pole used to support a small wireless facility, is  
1501 subject to authority rules or regulations governing the  
1502 placement of utility poles in the public rights-of-way.

1503 7. Within 14 days after receiving an application, an  
1504 authority must determine and notify the applicant by electronic  
1505 mail as to whether the application is complete. If an  
1506 application is deemed incomplete, the authority must  
1507 specifically identify the missing information. An application is  
1508 deemed complete if the authority fails to provide notification  
1509 to the applicant within 14 days.

1510 8. An application must be processed on a nondiscriminatory  
1511 basis. A complete application is deemed approved if an authority  
1512 fails to approve or deny the application within 60 days after  
1513 receipt of the application. If an authority does not use the 30-  
1514 day negotiation period provided in subparagraph 4., the parties  
1515 may mutually agree to extend the 60-day application review  
1516 period. The authority shall grant or deny the application at the  
1517 end of the extended period. A permit issued pursuant to an  
1518 approved application shall remain effective for 1 year unless  
1519 extended by the authority.

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1520           9. An authority must notify the applicant of approval or  
1521 denial by electronic mail. An authority shall approve a complete  
1522 application unless it does not meet the authority's applicable  
1523 codes. If the application is denied, the authority must specify  
1524 in writing the basis for denial, including the specific code  
1525 provisions on which the denial was based, and send the  
1526 documentation to the applicant by electronic mail on the day the  
1527 authority denies the application. The applicant may cure the  
1528 deficiencies identified by the authority and resubmit the  
1529 application within 30 days after notice of the denial is sent to  
1530 the applicant. The authority shall approve or deny the revised  
1531 application within 30 days after receipt or the application is  
1532 deemed approved. The review of a revised application is limited  
1533 to the deficiencies cited in the denial. If an authority  
1534 provides for administrative review of the denial of an  
1535 application, the review must be complete and a written decision  
1536 issued within 45 days after a written request for review is  
1537 made. A denial must identify the specific code provisions on  
1538 which the denial is based. If the administrative review is not  
1539 complete within 45 days, the authority waives any claim  
1540 regarding failure to exhaust administrative remedies in any  
1541 judicial review of the denial of an application.

1542           10. An applicant seeking to collocate small wireless  
1543 facilities within the jurisdiction of a single authority may, at  
1544 the applicant's discretion, file a consolidated application and

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1545 receive a single permit for the collocation of up to 30 small  
1546 wireless facilities. If the application includes multiple small  
1547 wireless facilities, an authority may separately address small  
1548 wireless facility collocations for which incomplete information  
1549 has been received or which are denied.

1550 11. An authority may deny an application to collocate a  
1551 small wireless facility or place a utility pole used to support  
1552 a small wireless facility in the public rights-of-way if the  
1553 proposed small wireless facility or utility pole used to support  
1554 a small wireless facility:

1555 a. Materially interferes with the safe operation of  
1556 traffic control equipment.

1557 b. Materially interferes with sight lines or clear zones  
1558 for transportation, pedestrians, or public safety purposes.

1559 c. Materially interferes with compliance with the  
1560 Americans with Disabilities Act or similar federal or state  
1561 standards regarding pedestrian access or movement.

1562 d. Materially fails to comply with the 2017 edition of the  
1563 Florida Department of Transportation Utility Accommodation  
1564 Manual.

1565 e. Fails to comply with applicable codes.

1566 f. Fails to comply with objective design standards  
1567 authorized under paragraph (r).

1568 12. An authority may adopt by ordinance provisions for  
1569 insurance coverage, indemnification, force majeure, abandonment,

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1570 authority liability, or authority warranties. Such provisions  
1571 must be reasonable and nondiscriminatory and apply to all  
1572 providers of communications services, including, if applicable,  
1573 any local government or nonprofit providers. An authority may  
1574 require a construction bond to secure restoration of the  
1575 postconstruction rights-of-way to the preconstruction condition.  
1576 However, such bond must be time-limited to not more than 18  
1577 months after the construction to which the bond applies is  
1578 completed and must be reasonably related to the cost to secure  
1579 restoration of the rights-of-way. An authority may not limit the  
1580 number of permits allowed under this same bond. For any  
1581 financial obligation required by an authority allowed under this  
1582 section, the authority may not in any way limit the number of  
1583 permits issued to a provider, including by project size or by  
1584 limiting the number of open permits or applications, provided  
1585 that the permit is closed within 45 days after the provider  
1586 completes the work, or by imposing additional requirements based  
1587 on the scope or linear feet of a project. For any financial  
1588 obligation required by an authority allowed under this section,  
1589 the authority shall accept, at the option of the applicant, a  
1590 bond or a letter of credit or similar financial instrument  
1591 issued by any financial institution that is authorized to do  
1592 business within the United States, provided that a claim against  
1593 the financial instrument may be made by electronic means<sup>7</sup>  
1594 including by facsimile. An authority may not require a deposit

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1595 or escrow of cash as a condition of issuing a permit or compel  
1596 the applicant to agree to any additional terms or agreements not  
1597 specifically authorized by this section nor directly related to  
1598 the work specified in the application. A provider of  
1599 communications services may add an authority to any existing  
1600 bond, insurance policy, or other relevant financial instrument,  
1601 and the authority must accept such proof of coverage without any  
1602 conditions other than consent to venue for purposes of any  
1603 litigation to which the authority is a party. An authority may  
1604 not require a communications services provider to indemnify it  
1605 for liabilities not caused by the provider or the provider's  
1606 agents or employees, including liabilities arising from the  
1607 authority's negligence, gross negligence, or willful conduct or  
1608 liabilities caused by an unaffiliated third party.

1609 13. Collocation of a small wireless facility on an  
1610 authority utility pole does not provide the basis for the  
1611 imposition of an ad valorem tax on the authority utility pole.

1612 14. An authority may reserve space on authority utility  
1613 poles for future public safety uses. However, a reservation of  
1614 space may not preclude collocation of a small wireless facility.  
1615 If replacement of the authority utility pole is necessary to  
1616 accommodate the collocation of the small wireless facility and  
1617 the future public safety use, the pole replacement is subject to  
1618 make-ready provisions and the replaced pole shall accommodate  
1619 the future public safety use.

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1620 15. A structure granted a permit and installed pursuant to  
1621 this subsection shall comply with chapter 333 and federal  
1622 regulations pertaining to airport airspace protections.

1623 (r) An authority may require wireless providers to comply  
1624 with objective design standards adopted by ordinance. The  
1625 ordinance may only require:

1626 1. A new utility pole that replaces an existing utility  
1627 pole to be of substantially similar design, material, and color;

1628 2. Reasonable spacing requirements concerning the location  
1629 of a ground-mounted component of a small wireless facility which  
1630 does not exceed 15 feet from the associated support structure;

1631 or

1632 3. A small wireless facility to meet reasonable location  
1633 context, color, camouflage, and concealment requirements,  
1634 subject to the limitations in this subsection; and

1635 4. A new utility pole used to support a small wireless  
1636 facility to meet reasonable location context, color, and  
1637 material of the predominant utility pole type at the proposed  
1638 location of the new utility pole.

1639  
1640 Such design standards under this paragraph may be waived by the  
1641 authority upon a showing that the design standards are not  
1642 reasonably compatible for the particular location of a small  
1643 wireless facility or utility pole or are technically infeasible  
1644 or that the design standards impose an excessive expense. The

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1645 waiver must be granted or denied within 45 days after the date  
1646 of the request. An authority may not require landscaping,  
1647 landscaping maintenance, or vegetation management other than  
1648 that necessary for right-of-way restoration.

1649 **Section 28. Present paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection**  
1650 **(3) of section 338.231, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as**  
1651 **paragraphs (c) and (d), respectively, a new paragraph (b) is**  
1652 **added to that subsection, and paragraph (a) of that subsection**  
1653 **is amended, to read:**

1654 338.231 Turnpike tolls, fixing; pledge of tolls and other  
1655 revenues.—The department shall at all times fix, adjust, charge,  
1656 and collect such tolls and amounts for the use of the turnpike  
1657 system as are required in order to provide a fund sufficient  
1658 with other revenues of the turnpike system to pay the cost of  
1659 maintaining, improving, repairing, and operating such turnpike  
1660 system; to pay the principal of and interest on all bonds issued  
1661 to finance or refinance any portion of the turnpike system as  
1662 the same become due and payable; and to create reserves for all  
1663 such purposes.

1664 (3) (a) 1. For the period July 1, 1998, through June 30,  
1665 2029 ~~2027~~, the department shall, to the maximum extent feasible,  
1666 program sufficient funds in the tentative work program such that  
1667 the percentage of turnpike toll and bond financed commitments in  
1668 Miami-Dade County, Broward County, and Palm Beach County as  
1669 compared to total turnpike toll and bond financed commitments

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1670 shall be at least 90 percent of the share of net toll  
1671 collections attributable to users of the turnpike system in  
1672 Miami-Dade County, Broward County, and Palm Beach County as  
1673 compared to total net toll collections attributable to users of  
1674 the turnpike system.

1675 2. Beginning in the 2029-2030 fiscal year, the department  
1676 shall, to the maximum extent feasible, program sufficient funds  
1677 in the tentative work program such that 100 percent of the share  
1678 of net toll collections attributable to users of the turnpike  
1679 system in Miami-Dade County, Broward County, and Palm Beach  
1680 County is used for turnpike toll and bond financed commitments  
1681 in those counties.

1682  
1683 This paragraph subsection does not apply when the application of  
1684 such requirements would violate any covenant established in a  
1685 resolution or trust indenture relating to the issuance of  
1686 turnpike bonds.

1687 (b) The department may at any time for economic  
1688 considerations establish lower temporary toll rates for a new or  
1689 existing toll facility for a period not to exceed 1 year, after  
1690 which the toll rates adopted pursuant to s. 120.54 shall become  
1691 effective.

1692 **Section 29. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and paragraph**  
1693 **(d) of subsection (5) of section 339.81, Florida Statutes, are**  
1694 **amended to read:**

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1695 339.81 Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network.—

1696 (2)

1697 (b) The multiuse trails or shared-use paths of the  
1698 statewide network must be physically separated from motor  
1699 vehicle traffic and constructed with asphalt, concrete, or  
1700 another improved hard surface approved by the department.

1701 (5)

1702 (d) To the greatest extent practicable, the department  
1703 shall program projects in the work program to plan for  
1704 development of the entire trail and to minimize the creation of  
1705 gaps between trail segments. The department shall, at a minimum,  
1706 ensure that local support exists for projects and trail  
1707 segments, including the availability or dedication of local  
1708 funding sources and of contributions by private landowners who  
1709 agree to make their land, or property interests in such land,  
1710 available for public use as a trail. The department may also  
1711 consider any sponsorship agreement entered into pursuant to  
1712 subsection (7).

1713 **Section 30. Subsection (16) of section 341.041, Florida**  
1714 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1715 341.041 Transit responsibilities of the department.—The  
1716 department shall, within the resources provided pursuant to  
1717 chapter 216:

1718 (16) Unless otherwise provided by state or federal law,  
1719 ensure that all grants and agreements between the department and

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1720 entities providing paratransit services to persons with  
1721 disabilities include, at a minimum, the following provisions:

1722 (a) Performance requirements for the delivery of services,  
1723 including clear penalties for repeated or continuing violations;

1724 (b) Minimum liability insurance requirements for all  
1725 transportation services purchased, provided, or coordinated for  
1726 the transportation disadvantaged, as defined in s. 427.011(1),  
1727 through the contracted vendor or subcontractor thereof;

1728 (c) Complaint and grievance processes for users of  
1729 paratransit services for persons with disabilities ~~users~~,  
1730 including a requirement that all reported complaints,  
1731 grievances, and resolutions be reported to the department on a  
1732 quarterly basis; and

1733 (d) A requirement that the provisions of paragraphs (a),  
1734 (b), and (c) must be included in any agreement between an entity  
1735 receiving a grant or an agreement from the department and such  
1736 entity's contractors or subcontractors that provide paratransit  
1737 services for persons with disabilities.

1738 **Section 31. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section**  
1739 **479.25, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1740 479.25 Erection of noise-attenuation barrier, ramp, or  
1741 braided bridge blocking view of sign; procedures; application.—

1742 (1) The owner of a lawfully erected sign that is governed  
1743 by and conforms to state and federal requirements for land use,  
1744 size, height, and spacing may increase the height above ground

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1745 level of such sign at its permitted location if a noise-  
1746 attenuation barrier, ramp, or braided bridge is permitted by or  
1747 erected by any governmental entity in such a way as to screen or  
1748 block visibility of the sign. Any increase in height permitted  
1749 under this section may only be the increase in height which is  
1750 required to achieve the same degree of visibility from the  
1751 right-of-way which the sign had before the construction of the  
1752 noise-attenuation barrier, ramp, or braided bridge,  
1753 notwithstanding the restrictions contained in s. 479.07(9)(b). A  
1754 sign reconstructed under this section must comply with the  
1755 building standards and wind load requirements provided in the  
1756 Florida Building Code. If construction of a proposed noise-  
1757 attenuation barrier, ramp, or braided bridge will screen a sign  
1758 lawfully permitted under this chapter, the department shall  
1759 provide notice to the local government or local jurisdiction  
1760 within which the sign is located before construction. Upon a  
1761 determination that an increase in the height of a sign as  
1762 permitted under this section will violate an ordinance or a land  
1763 development regulation of the local government or local  
1764 jurisdiction, the local government or local jurisdiction shall,  
1765 before construction:

1766 (a) Provide a variance or waiver to the local ordinance or  
1767 land development regulations to allow an increase in the height  
1768 of the sign;

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1769 (b) Allow the sign to be relocated or reconstructed at  
1770 another location if the sign owner agrees; or

1771 (c) Pay the fair market value of the sign and its  
1772 associated interest in the real property.

1773 (2) The department shall hold a public hearing within the  
1774 boundaries of the affected local governments or local  
1775 jurisdictions to receive input on the proposed noise-attenuation  
1776 barrier, ramp, or braided bridge and its conflict with the local  
1777 ordinance or land development regulation and to suggest or  
1778 consider alternatives or modifications to alleviate or minimize  
1779 the conflict with the local ordinance or land development  
1780 regulation or minimize any costs that may be associated with  
1781 relocating, reconstructing, or paying for the affected sign. The  
1782 public hearing may be held concurrently with other public  
1783 hearings scheduled for the project. The department shall provide  
1784 a written notification to the local government or local  
1785 jurisdiction of the date and time of the public hearing and  
1786 shall provide general notice of the public hearing in accordance  
1787 with the notice provisions of s. 335.02(1). The notice may not  
1788 be placed in that portion of a newspaper in which legal notices  
1789 or classified advertisements appear. The notice must  
1790 specifically state that:

1791 (a) Erection of the proposed noise-attenuation barrier, ramp,  
1792 ramp, or braided bridge may block the visibility of an existing  
1793 outdoor advertising sign;

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1794 (b) The local government or local jurisdiction may  
1795 restrict or prohibit increasing the height of the existing  
1796 outdoor advertising sign; and

1797 (c) Upon construction of the noise-attenuation barrier,  
1798 ramp, or braided bridge, the local government or local  
1799 jurisdiction shall:

1800 1. Allow an increase in the height of the sign through a  
1801 waiver or variance to a local ordinance or land development  
1802 regulation;

1803 2. Allow the sign to be relocated or reconstructed at  
1804 another location if the sign owner agrees; or

1805 3. Pay the fair market value of the sign and its  
1806 associated interest in the real property.

1807 (3) The department may not permit erection of the noise-  
1808 attenuation barrier, ramp, or braided bridge to the extent the  
1809 barrier, ramp, or bridge screens or blocks visibility of the  
1810 sign until after the public hearing is held.

1811 **Section 32. Section 790.19, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1812 **to read:**

1813 790.19 Shooting into or throwing deadly missiles into  
1814 occupied or unoccupied dwellings, public or private buildings,  
1815 ~~occupied or not occupied~~; vessels, aircraft, public or private  
1816 buses, railroad cars, streetcars, or other vehicles. ~~Any person~~  
1817 who ~~whoever~~, wantonly or maliciously, ~~shoots at, within, or~~  
1818 into, or throws any missile or hurls or projects a stone or

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1819 other hard substance which would produce death or great bodily  
1820 harm, at, within, or into, ~~in~~ any occupied or unoccupied public  
1821 or private building; ~~any, occupied or unoccupied, or~~ public or  
1822 private bus; ~~or~~ any train, locomotive, railway car, caboose,  
1823 cable railway car, street railway car, monorail car, or vehicle  
1824 of any kind which is being used or occupied by any person; any  
1825 occupied or unoccupied autonomous vehicle; ~~or~~ any boat, vessel,  
1826 ship, or barge lying in or plying the waters of this state; ~~or~~  
1827 any aircraft flying through the airspace of this state commits  
1828 ~~shall be guilty of~~ a felony of the second degree, punishable as  
1829 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

1830 **Section 33. Subsections (2) through (12) of section**  
1831 **806.13, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3)**  
1832 **through (13), respectively, present subsection (11) is amended,**  
1833 **and a new subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:**

1834 806.13 Criminal mischief; penalties; penalty for minor.—

1835 (2) Any person who willfully or maliciously defaces,  
1836 injures, or damages by any means any autonomous vehicle, as  
1837 defined in s. 316.003(3), commits a felony of the third degree,  
1838 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084,  
1839 if the damage to the autonomous vehicle is greater than \$1,000.

1840 (12)-(11) A minor whose driver license or driving privilege  
1841 is revoked, suspended, or withheld under subsection (11) ~~(10)~~  
1842 may elect to reduce the period of revocation, suspension, or  
1843 withholding by performing community service at the rate of 1 day

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1844 for each hour of community service performed. In addition, if  
1845 the court determines that due to a family hardship, the minor's  
1846 driver license or driving privilege is necessary for employment  
1847 or medical purposes of the minor or a member of the minor's  
1848 family, the court shall order the minor to perform community  
1849 service and reduce the period of revocation, suspension, or  
1850 withholding at the rate of 1 day for each hour of community  
1851 service performed. As used in this subsection, the term  
1852 "community service" means cleaning graffiti from public  
1853 property.

1854 **Section 34. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section**  
1855 **311.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1856 311.07 Florida seaport transportation and economic  
1857 development funding.—

1858 (3)

1859 (b) Projects eligible for funding by grants under the  
1860 program are limited to the following port facilities or port  
1861 transportation projects:

1862 1. Transportation facilities within the jurisdiction of  
1863 the port.

1864 2. The dredging or deepening of channels, turning basins,  
1865 or harbors.

1866 3. The construction or rehabilitation of wharves, docks,  
1867 structures, jetties, piers, storage facilities, cruise

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1868 terminals, automated people mover systems, or any facilities  
1869 necessary or useful in connection with any of the foregoing.

1870 4. The acquisition of vessel tracking systems, container  
1871 cranes, or other mechanized equipment used in the movement of  
1872 cargo or passengers in international commerce.

1873 5. The acquisition of land to be used for port purposes.

1874 6. The acquisition, improvement, enlargement, or extension  
1875 of existing port facilities.

1876 7. Environmental protection projects which are necessary  
1877 because of requirements imposed by a state agency as a condition  
1878 of a permit or other form of state approval; which are necessary  
1879 for environmental mitigation required as a condition of a state,  
1880 federal, or local environmental permit; which are necessary for  
1881 the acquisition of spoil disposal sites and improvements to  
1882 existing and future spoil sites; or which result from the  
1883 funding of eligible projects listed in this paragraph.

1884 8. Transportation facilities as defined in s. 334.03(31)  
1885 ~~s. 334.03(30)~~ which are not otherwise part of the Department of  
1886 Transportation's adopted work program.

1887 9. Intermodal access projects.

1888 10. Construction or rehabilitation of port facilities as  
1889 defined in s. 315.02, excluding any park or recreational  
1890 facilities, in ports listed in s. 311.09(1) with operating  
1891 revenues of \$5 million or less, provided that such projects

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1892 create economic development opportunities, capital improvements,  
1893 and positive financial returns to such ports.

1894 11. Seaport master plan or strategic plan development or  
1895 updates, including the purchase of data to support such plans.

1896 12. Spaceport or space industry-related planning or  
1897 construction of facilities on seaport property which are  
1898 necessary or useful for advancing the space industry in this  
1899 state and provide an economic benefit to this state.

1900 13. Commercial shipbuilding and manufacturing facilities  
1901 on seaport property, if such projects provide an economic  
1902 benefit to the community in which the seaport is located.

1903 **Section 35. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section**  
1904 **316.0777, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1905 316.0777 Automated license plate recognition systems;  
1906 installation within rights-of-way of State Highway System;  
1907 public records exemption.—

1908 (2)

1909 (b) At the discretion of the Department of Transportation,  
1910 an automated license plate recognition system may be installed  
1911 within the right-of-way, as defined in s. 334.03(22) ~~s.~~

1912 ~~334.03(21)~~, of a road on the State Highway System when installed  
1913 at the request of a law enforcement agency for the purpose of  
1914 collecting active criminal intelligence information or active  
1915 criminal investigative information as defined in s. 119.011(3).

1916 An automated license plate recognition system may not be used to

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1917 issue a notice of violation for a traffic infraction or a  
1918 uniform traffic citation. Such installation must be in  
1919 accordance with placement and installation guidelines developed  
1920 by the Department of Transportation. An automated license plate  
1921 recognition system must be removed within 30 days after the  
1922 Department of Transportation notifies the requesting law  
1923 enforcement agency that such removal must occur.

1924 **Section 36. Subsection (1) of section 316.1995, Florida**  
1925 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1926 316.1995 Driving upon sidewalk or bicycle path.—

1927 (1) Except as provided in s. 316.008, s. 316.20655, s. s.  
1928 316.212(9) ~~316.212(8)~~, or s. 316.2128, a person may not drive  
1929 any vehicle other than by human power upon a bicycle path,  
1930 sidewalk, or sidewalk area, except upon a permanent or duly  
1931 authorized temporary driveway.

1932 **Section 37. Subsection (1) of section 316.2125, Florida**  
1933 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1934 316.2125 Operation of golf carts within a retirement  
1935 community.—

1936 (1) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ s. 316.212, the  
1937 reasonable operation of a golf cart, equipped and operated as  
1938 provided in s. 316.212(6), (7), and (8) ~~s. 316.212(5), (6), and~~  
1939 ~~(7)~~, within any self-contained retirement community is  
1940 authorized ~~permitted~~ unless prohibited under subsection (2).

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1941           **Section 38. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) and**  
1942 **paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 316.2126, Florida**  
1943 **Statutes, are amended to read:**

1944           316.2126 Authorized use of golf carts, low-speed vehicles,  
1945 and utility vehicles.—

1946           (1) In addition to the powers granted by ss. 316.212 and  
1947 316.2125, municipalities are authorized to use golf carts and  
1948 utility vehicles, as defined in s. 320.01, upon any state,  
1949 county, or municipal roads located within the corporate limits  
1950 of such municipalities, subject to the following conditions:

1951           (a) Golf carts and utility vehicles must comply with the  
1952 operational and safety requirements in ss. 316.212 and 316.2125,  
1953 and with any more restrictive ordinances enacted by the local  
1954 governmental entity pursuant to s. 316.212(9) ~~s. 316.212(8)~~, and  
1955 shall be operated only by municipal employees for municipal  
1956 purposes, including, but not limited to, police patrol, traffic  
1957 enforcement, and inspection of public facilities.

1958           (b) In addition to the safety equipment required in s.  
1959 316.212(7) ~~s. 316.212(6)~~ and any more restrictive safety  
1960 equipment required by the local governmental entity pursuant to  
1961 s. 316.212(9) ~~s. 316.212(8)~~, such golf carts and utility  
1962 vehicles must be equipped with sufficient lighting and turn  
1963 signal equipment.

1964           (3)

1965           (c) All vehicles specified in this subsection must be:

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1966 1. Marked in a conspicuous manner with the name of the  
1967 delivery service.

1968 2. Equipped with, at a minimum, the equipment required  
1969 under s. 316.212(7) ~~s. 316.212(6)~~.

1970 3. Equipped with head lamps and tail lamps, in addition to  
1971 the safety requirements in s. 316.212(7) ~~s. 316.212(6)~~, if  
1972 operated after sunset.

1973 **Section 39. Subsection (5) of section 316.2128, Florida**  
1974 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1975 316.2128 Micromobility devices, motorized scooters, and  
1976 miniature motorcycles; requirements.-

1977 (5) A person who engages in the business of, serves in the  
1978 capacity of, or acts as a commercial seller of miniature  
1979 motorcycles in this state must prominently display at his or her  
1980 place of business a notice that such vehicles are not legal to  
1981 operate on public roads, may not be registered as motor  
1982 vehicles, and may not be operated on sidewalks unless authorized  
1983 by an ordinance enacted pursuant to s. 316.008(7)(a) or s.  
1984 316.212(9) ~~s. 316.212(8)~~. The required notice must also appear  
1985 in all forms of advertising offering miniature motorcycles for  
1986 sale. The notice and a copy of this section must also be  
1987 provided to a consumer before ~~prior to~~ the consumer's purchasing  
1988 or becoming obligated to purchase a miniature motorcycle.

1989 **Section 40. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section**  
1990 **316.306, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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1991 316.306 School and work zones; prohibition on the use of a  
1992 wireless communications device in a handheld manner.—

1993 (3)(a)1. A person may not operate a motor vehicle while  
1994 using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner in a  
1995 designated school crossing, school zone, or work zone area as  
1996 defined in s. 316.003(113) ~~s. 316.003(112)~~. This subparagraph  
1997 shall only be applicable to work zone areas if construction  
1998 personnel are present or are operating equipment on the road or  
1999 immediately adjacent to the work zone area. For the purposes of  
2000 this paragraph, a motor vehicle that is stationary is not being  
2001 operated and is not subject to the prohibition in this  
2002 paragraph.

2003 2. Effective January 1, 2020, a law enforcement officer  
2004 may stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are  
2005 driving while using a wireless communications device in a  
2006 handheld manner in violation of subparagraph 1.

2007 **Section 41. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section**  
2008 **316.515, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

2009 316.515 Maximum width, height, length.—

2010 (5) IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY AND FARM EQUIPMENT;  
2011 AGRICULTURAL TRAILERS; FORESTRY EQUIPMENT; SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.—

2012 (c) The width and height limitations of this section do  
2013 not apply to farming or agricultural equipment, whether self-  
2014 propelled, pulled, or hauled, when temporarily operated during  
2015 daylight hours upon a public road that is not a limited access

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2016 facility as defined in s. 334.03(13) ~~s. 334.03(12)~~, and the  
2017 width and height limitations may be exceeded by such equipment  
2018 without a permit. To be eligible for this exemption, the  
2019 equipment shall be operated within a radius of 50 miles of the  
2020 real property owned, rented, managed, harvested, or leased by  
2021 the equipment owner. However, equipment being delivered by a  
2022 dealer to a purchaser is not subject to the 50-mile limitation.  
2023 Farming or agricultural equipment greater than 174 inches in  
2024 width must have one warning lamp mounted on each side of the  
2025 equipment to denote the width and must have a slow-moving  
2026 vehicle sign. Warning lamps required by this paragraph must be  
2027 visible from the front and rear of the vehicle and must be  
2028 visible from a distance of at least 1,000 feet.

2029 **Section 42. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of**  
2030 **section 320.04, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

2031 320.04 Registration service charge.—

2032 (1)(a) A service charge of \$2.50 shall be imposed on each  
2033 application that is handled in connection with original  
2034 issuance, duplicate issuance, or transfer of a license plate or  
2035 mobile home sticker, ~~or validation sticker~~ or with transfer or  
2036 duplicate issuance of a registration certificate. This service  
2037 charge shall be retained by the department or by the tax  
2038 collector, as the case may be, as other fees accruing to those  
2039 offices.

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2040 (b) A service charge of \$1 shall also be imposed for the  
2041 issuance of each ~~license plate validation sticker~~, vessel decal,  
2042 and mobile home sticker issued from an automated vending  
2043 facility or printer dispenser machine. This service charge is  
2044 payable to the department and shall be used to provide for  
2045 automated vending facilities or printer dispenser machines that  
2046 are used to dispense such stickers and decals by each tax  
2047 collector's or license tag agent's employee.

2048 **Section 43.. Section 320.08035, Florida Statutes, is**  
2049 **amended to read:**

2050 320.08035 Persons who have disabilities; reduced dimension  
2051 license plate.—The owner or lessee of a motorcycle, moped, or  
2052 motorized disability access vehicle who resides in this state  
2053 and qualifies for a parking permit for a person who has a  
2054 disability under s. 320.0848, upon application and payment of  
2055 the appropriate license tax and fees under s. 320.08(1), must be  
2056 issued a license plate that has reduced dimensions as provided  
2057 under s. 320.06(2)(a) ~~s. 320.06(3)(a)~~. The plate must be stamped  
2058 with the international symbol of accessibility after the numeric  
2059 and alpha serial number of the license plate. The plate entitles  
2060 the person to all privileges afforded by a disabled parking  
2061 permit issued under s. 320.0848.

2062 **Section 44. Subsection (4) of section 320.0807, Florida**  
2063 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

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2064 320.0807 Special license plates for Governor and federal  
2065 and state legislators.—

2066 (4) License plates purchased under subsection (1),  
2067 subsection (2), or subsection (3) shall be replaced by the  
2068 department at no cost, other than the fees required under ss.  
2069 320.04 and 320.06(2)(b) ~~320.06(3)(b)~~, when the person to whom  
2070 the plates have been issued leaves the elective office with  
2071 respect to which the license plates were issued. Within 30 days  
2072 after leaving office, the person to whom the license plates have  
2073 been issued must apply to the department for a replacement  
2074 license plate. The person may return the prestige license plates  
2075 to the department or retain the plates as souvenirs. Upon  
2076 receipt of the replacement license plate, the person may not  
2077 display on any vehicle the prestige license plate or plates  
2078 issued with respect to his or her former office.

2079 **Section 45. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section**  
2080 **320.084, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

2081 320.084 Free motor vehicle license plate to certain  
2082 disabled veterans.—

2083 (4)

2084 (b) There shall be a service charge in accordance with ~~the~~  
2085 ~~provisions of~~ s. 320.04 for each initial application or renewal  
2086 of registration and an additional sum of 50 cents on each  
2087 license plate ~~and validation sticker~~ as provided in s.  
2088 320.06(2)(b) ~~s. 320.06(3)(b)~~.

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2089           **Section 46. Section 320.102, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
2090 **to read:**

2091           320.102 Marine boat trailers owned by nonprofit  
2092 organizations; exemptions.—The registration or renewal of a  
2093 registration of any marine boat trailer owned and operated by a  
2094 nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income tax  
2095 under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and which is  
2096 used exclusively in carrying out its customary nonprofit  
2097 activities is exempt from paying the fees, taxes, surcharges,  
2098 and charges in ss. 320.03(5), (6), and (9), 320.031(2),  
2099 320.04(1), 320.06(1)(b) and (2)(b) ~~(3)(b)~~, 320.0801, 320.0802,  
2100 320.0804, and 320.08046.

2101           **Section 47. Section 336.01, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
2102 **to read:**

2103           336.01 Designation of county road system.—The county road  
2104 system shall be as defined in s. 334.03(9) ~~s. 334.03(8)~~.

2105           **Section 48. Subsection (2) of section 338.222, Florida**  
2106 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

2107           338.222 Department of Transportation sole governmental  
2108 entity to acquire, construct, or operate turnpike projects;  
2109 exception.—

2110           (2) The department may, but is not required to, contract  
2111 with any local governmental entity as defined in s. 334.03(14)  
2112 ~~s. 334.03(13)~~ for the design, right-of-way acquisition,  
2113 transfer, purchase, sale, acquisition, or other conveyance of

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2114 the ownership, operation, maintenance, or construction of any  
2115 turnpike project which the Legislature has approved. Local  
2116 governmental entities may negotiate and contract with the  
2117 department for the design, right-of-way acquisition, transfer,  
2118 purchase, sale, acquisition, or other conveyance of the  
2119 ownership, operation, maintenance, or construction of any  
2120 section of the turnpike project within areas of their respective  
2121 jurisdictions or within counties with which they have interlocal  
2122 agreements.

2123 **Section 49. Subsection (2) of section 341.8225, Florida**  
2124 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

2125 341.8225 Department of Transportation sole governmental  
2126 entity to acquire, construct, or operate high-speed rail  
2127 projects; exception.—

2128 (2) Local governmental entities, as defined in s.  
2129 334.03(14) ~~s. 334.03(13)~~, may negotiate with the department for  
2130 the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of any  
2131 component of the high-speed rail system within areas of their  
2132 respective jurisdictions or within counties with which they have  
2133 interlocal agreements.

2134 **Section 50. Paragraph (b) of subsection (12) of section**  
2135 **376.3071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

2136 376.3071 Inland Protection Trust Fund; creation; purposes;  
2137 funding.—

2138 (12) SITE CLEANUP.—

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2139 (b) Low-scored site initiative.—Notwithstanding  
2140 subsections (5) and (6), a site with a priority ranking score of  
2141 29 points or less may voluntarily participate in the low-scored  
2142 site initiative regardless of whether the site is eligible for  
2143 state restoration funding.

2144 1. To participate in the low-scored site initiative, the  
2145 property owner, or a responsible party who provides evidence of  
2146 authorization from the property owner, must submit a "No Further  
2147 Action" proposal and affirmatively demonstrate that the  
2148 conditions imposed under subparagraph 4. are met.

2149 2. Upon affirmative demonstration that the conditions  
2150 imposed under subparagraph 4. are met, the department shall  
2151 issue a site rehabilitation completion order incorporating the  
2152 "No Further Action" proposal submitted by the property owner or  
2153 the responsible party, who must provide evidence of  
2154 authorization from the property owner. If no contamination is  
2155 detected, the department may issue a site rehabilitation  
2156 completion order.

2157 3. Sites that are eligible for state restoration funding  
2158 may receive payment of costs for the low-scored site initiative  
2159 as follows:

2160 a. A property owner, or a responsible party who provides  
2161 evidence of authorization from the property owner, may submit an  
2162 assessment and limited remediation plan designed to  
2163 affirmatively demonstrate that the site meets the conditions

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2164 imposed under subparagraph 4. Notwithstanding the priority  
2165 ranking score of the site, the department may approve the cost  
2166 of the assessment and limited remediation, including up to 12  
2167 months of groundwater monitoring and 12 months of limited  
2168 remediation activities in one or more task assignments or  
2169 modifications thereof, not to exceed the threshold amount  
2170 provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, for each site where the  
2171 department has determined that the assessment and limited  
2172 remediation, if applicable, will likely result in a  
2173 determination of "No Further Action." The department may not pay  
2174 the costs associated with the establishment of institutional or  
2175 engineering controls other than the costs associated with a  
2176 professional land survey or a specific purpose survey, if such  
2177 is needed, and the costs associated with obtaining a title  
2178 report and paying recording fees.

2179       b. After the approval of initial site assessment results  
2180 provided pursuant to state funding under sub-subparagraph a.,  
2181 the department may approve an additional amount not to exceed  
2182 the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO for  
2183 limited remediation needed to achieve a determination of "No  
2184 Further Action."

2185       c. The assessment and limited remediation work shall be  
2186 completed no later than 15 months after the department  
2187 authorizes the start of a state-funded, low-score site  
2188 initiative task. If groundwater monitoring is required after the

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2189 assessment and limited remediation in order to satisfy the  
2190 conditions under subparagraph 4., the department may authorize  
2191 an additional 12 months to complete the monitoring.

2192 d. No more than \$15 million for the low-scored site  
2193 initiative may be encumbered from the fund in any fiscal year.  
2194 Funds shall be made available on a first-come, first-served  
2195 basis and shall be limited to 10 sites in each fiscal year for  
2196 each property owner or each responsible party who provides  
2197 evidence of authorization from the property owner.

2198 e. Program deductibles, copayments, and the limited  
2199 contamination assessment report requirements under paragraph  
2200 (13) (d) do not apply to expenditures under this paragraph.

2201 4. The department shall issue an order incorporating the  
2202 "No Further Action" proposal submitted by a property owner or a  
2203 responsible party who provides evidence of authorization from  
2204 the property owner upon affirmative demonstration that all of  
2205 the following conditions are met:

2206 a. Soil saturated with petroleum or petroleum products, or  
2207 soil that causes a total corrected hydrocarbon measurement of  
2208 500 parts per million or higher for the Gasoline Analytical  
2209 Group or 50 parts per million or higher for the Kerosene  
2210 Analytical Group, as defined by department rule, does not exist  
2211 onsite as a result of a release of petroleum products.

2212 b. A minimum of 12 months of groundwater monitoring  
2213 indicates that the plume is shrinking or stable.

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2214 c. The release of petroleum products at the site does not  
2215 adversely affect adjacent surface waters, including their  
2216 effects on human health and the environment.

2217 d. The area containing the petroleum products' chemicals  
2218 of concern:

2219 (I) Is confined to the source property boundaries of the  
2220 real property on which the discharge originated, unless the  
2221 property owner has requested or authorized a more limited area  
2222 in the "No Further Action" proposal submitted under this  
2223 subsection; or

2224 (II) Has migrated from the source property onto or beneath  
2225 a transportation facility as defined in s. 334.03(31) ~~s.~~  
2226 ~~334.03(30)~~ for which the department has approved, and the  
2227 governmental entity owning the transportation facility has  
2228 agreed to institutional controls as defined in s. 376.301(21).  
2229 This sub-sub-subparagraph does not, however, impose any legal  
2230 liability on the transportation facility owner, obligate such  
2231 owner to engage in remediation, or waive such owner's right to  
2232 recover costs for damages.

2233 e. The groundwater contamination containing the petroleum  
2234 products' chemicals of concern is not a threat to any permitted  
2235 potable water supply well.

2236 f. Soils onsite found between land surface and 2 feet  
2237 below land surface which are subject to human exposure meet the  
2238 soil cleanup target levels established in subparagraph (5)(b)9.,

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2239 or human exposure is limited by appropriate institutional or  
2240 engineering controls.

2241  
2242 Issuance of a site rehabilitation completion order under this  
2243 paragraph acknowledges that minimal contamination exists onsite  
2244 and that such contamination is not a threat to the public  
2245 health, safety, or welfare; water resources; or the environment.  
2246 Pursuant to subsection (4), the issuance of the site  
2247 rehabilitation completion order, with or without conditions,  
2248 does not alter eligibility for state-funded rehabilitation that  
2249 would otherwise be applicable under this section.

2250 **Section 51. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section**  
2251 **403.7211, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

2252 403.7211 Hazardous waste facilities managing hazardous  
2253 wastes generated offsite; federal facilities managing hazardous  
2254 waste.—

2255 (2) The department may not issue any permit under s.  
2256 403.722 for the construction, initial operation, or substantial  
2257 modification of a facility for the disposal, storage, or  
2258 treatment of hazardous waste generated offsite which is proposed  
2259 to be located in any of the following locations:

2260 (a) Any area where life-threatening concentrations of  
2261 hazardous substances could accumulate at any residence or  
2262 residential subdivision as the result of a catastrophic event at  
2263 the proposed facility, unless each such residence or residential

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2264 subdivision is served by at least one arterial road or urban  
2265 minor arterial road, as determined under the procedures  
2266 referenced in s. 334.03(11) ~~s. 334.03(10)~~, which provides safe  
2267 and direct egress by land to an area where such life-threatening  
2268 concentrations of hazardous substances could not accumulate in a  
2269 catastrophic event. Egress by any road leading from any  
2270 residence or residential subdivision to any point located within  
2271 1,000 yards of the proposed facility is unsafe for the purposes  
2272 of this paragraph. In determining whether egress proposed by the  
2273 applicant is safe and direct, the department shall also  
2274 consider, at a minimum, the following factors:

2275 1. Natural barriers such as water bodies, and whether any  
2276 road in the proposed evacuation route is impaired by a natural  
2277 barrier such as a water body.

2278 2. Potential exposure during egress and potential  
2279 increases in the duration of exposure.

2280 3. Whether any road in a proposed evacuation route passes  
2281 in close proximity to the facility.

2282 4. Whether any portion of the evacuation route is  
2283 inherently directed toward the facility.

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2285 For the purposes of this subsection, all distances shall be  
2286 measured from the outer limit of the active hazardous waste  
2287 management area. "Substantial modification" includes: any  
2288 physical change in, change in the operations of, or addition to

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2289 a facility which could increase the potential offsite impact, or  
2290 risk of impact, from a release at that facility; and any change  
2291 in permit conditions which is reasonably expected to lead to  
2292 greater potential impacts or risks of impacts, from a release at  
2293 that facility. "Substantial modification" does not include a  
2294 change in operations, structures, or permit conditions which  
2295 does not substantially increase either the potential impact  
2296 from, or the risk of, a release. Physical or operational changes  
2297 to a facility related solely to the management of nonhazardous  
2298 waste at the facility is not considered a substantial  
2299 modification. The department shall, by rule, adopt criteria to  
2300 determine whether a facility has been substantially modified.  
2301 "Initial operation" means the initial commencement of operations  
2302 at the facility.

2303 **Section 52. Subsection (5) of section 479.261, Florida**  
2304 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

2305 479.261 Logo sign program.—

2306 (5) At a minimum, permit fees for businesses that  
2307 participate in the program must be established in an amount  
2308 sufficient to offset the total cost to the department for the  
2309 program, including contract costs. The department shall provide  
2310 the services in the most efficient and cost-effective manner  
2311 through department staff or by contracting for some or all of  
2312 the services. The department shall adopt rules that set  
2313 reasonable rates based upon factors such as population, traffic

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2314 volume, market demand, and costs for annual permit fees.  
2315 However, annual permit fees for sign locations inside an urban  
2316 area, as defined in s. 334.03(32) ~~s. 334.03(31)~~, may not exceed  
2317 \$3,500, and annual permit fees for sign locations outside an  
2318 urban area, as defined in s. 334.03(32) ~~s. 334.03(31)~~, may not  
2319 exceed \$2,000. After recovering program costs, the proceeds from  
2320 the annual permit fees shall be deposited into the State  
2321 Transportation Trust Fund and used for transportation purposes.

2322 **Section 53. Subsection (1) of section 655.960, Florida**  
2323 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

2324 655.960 Definitions; ss. 655.960-655.965.—As used in this  
2325 section and ss. 655.961-655.965, unless the context otherwise  
2326 requires:

2327 (1) "Access area" means any paved walkway or sidewalk  
2328 which is within 50 feet of any automated teller machine. The  
2329 term does not include any street or highway open to the use of  
2330 the public, as defined in s. 316.003(91)(a) or (b) ~~s.~~  
2331 ~~316.003(90)(a) or (b)~~, including any adjacent sidewalk, as  
2332 defined in s. 316.003.

2333 **Section 54. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section**  
2334 **715.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

2335 715.07 Vehicles or vessels parked on private property;  
2336 towing.—

2337 (2) The owner or lessee of real property, or any person  
2338 authorized by the owner or lessee, which person may be the

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2339 designated representative of the condominium association if the  
2340 real property is a condominium, may cause any vehicle or vessel  
2341 parked on such property without her or his permission to be  
2342 removed by a person regularly engaged in the business of towing  
2343 vehicles or vessels, without liability for the costs of removal,  
2344 transportation, or storage or damages caused by such removal,  
2345 transportation, or storage, under any of the following  
2346 circumstances:

2347 (a) The towing or removal of any vehicle or vessel from  
2348 private property without the consent of the registered owner or  
2349 other legally authorized person in control of that vehicle or  
2350 vessel is subject to substantial compliance with the following  
2351 conditions and restrictions:

2352 1.a. Any towed or removed vehicle or vessel must be stored  
2353 at a site within a 10-mile radius of the point of removal in any  
2354 county of 500,000 population or more, and within a 15-mile  
2355 radius of the point of removal in any county of fewer than  
2356 500,000 population. That site must be open for the purpose of  
2357 redemption of vehicles on any day that the person or firm towing  
2358 such vehicle or vessel is open for towing purposes, from 8:00  
2359 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and, when closed, shall have prominently  
2360 posted a sign indicating a telephone number where the operator  
2361 of the site can be reached at all times. Upon receipt of a  
2362 telephoned request to open the site to redeem a vehicle or

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2363 vessel, the operator shall return to the site within 1 hour or  
2364 she or he will be in violation of this section.

2365 b. If no towing business providing such service is located  
2366 within the area of towing limitations set forth in sub-  
2367 subparagraph a., the following limitations apply: any towed or  
2368 removed vehicle or vessel must be stored at a site within a 20-  
2369 mile radius of the point of removal in any county of 500,000  
2370 population or more, and within a 30-mile radius of the point of  
2371 removal in any county of fewer than 500,000 population.

2372 2. The person or firm towing or removing the vehicle or  
2373 vessel shall, within 30 minutes after completion of such towing  
2374 or removal, notify the municipal police department or, in an  
2375 unincorporated area, the sheriff, of such towing or removal, the  
2376 storage site, the time the vehicle or vessel was towed or  
2377 removed, and the make, model, color, and license plate number of  
2378 the vehicle or description and registration number of the vessel  
2379 and shall obtain the name of the person at that department to  
2380 whom such information was reported and note that name on the  
2381 trip record.

2382 3. A person in the process of towing or removing a vehicle  
2383 or vessel from the premises or parking lot in which the vehicle  
2384 or vessel is not lawfully parked must stop when a person seeks  
2385 the return of the vehicle or vessel. The vehicle or vessel must  
2386 be returned upon the payment of a reasonable service fee of not  
2387 more than one-half of the posted rate for the towing or removal

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2388 service as provided in subparagraph 6. The vehicle or vessel may  
2389 be towed or removed if, after a reasonable opportunity, the  
2390 owner or legally authorized person in control of the vehicle or  
2391 vessel is unable to pay the service fee. If the vehicle or  
2392 vessel is redeemed, a detailed signed receipt must be given to  
2393 the person redeeming the vehicle or vessel.

2394 4. A person may not pay or accept money or other valuable  
2395 consideration for the privilege of towing or removing vehicles  
2396 or vessels from a particular location.

2397 5. Except for property appurtenant to and obviously a part  
2398 of a single-family residence, and except for instances when  
2399 notice is personally given to the owner or other legally  
2400 authorized person in control of the vehicle or vessel that the  
2401 area in which that vehicle or vessel is parked is reserved or  
2402 otherwise unavailable for unauthorized vehicles or vessels and  
2403 that the vehicle or vessel is subject to being removed at the  
2404 owner's or operator's expense, any property owner or lessee, or  
2405 person authorized by the property owner or lessee, before towing  
2406 or removing any vehicle or vessel from private property without  
2407 the consent of the owner or other legally authorized person in  
2408 control of that vehicle or vessel, must post a notice meeting  
2409 the following requirements:

2410 a. The notice must be prominently placed at each driveway  
2411 access or curb cut allowing vehicular access to the property  
2412 within 10 feet from the road, as defined in s. 334.03(23) ~~s.~~

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2413 ~~334.03(22)~~. If there are no curbs or access barriers, the signs  
2414 must be posted not fewer than one sign for each 25 feet of lot  
2415 frontage.

2416       b. The notice must clearly indicate, in not fewer than 2-  
2417 inch high, light-reflective letters on a contrasting background,  
2418 that unauthorized vehicles will be towed away at the owner's  
2419 expense. The words "tow-away zone" must be included on the sign  
2420 in not fewer than 4-inch high letters.

2421       c. The notice must also provide the name and current  
2422 telephone number of the person or firm towing or removing the  
2423 vehicles or vessels.

2424       d. The sign structure containing the required notices must  
2425 be permanently installed with the words "tow-away zone" not  
2426 fewer than 3 feet and not more than 6 feet above ground level  
2427 and must be continuously maintained on the property for not  
2428 fewer than 24 hours before the towing or removal of any vehicles  
2429 or vessels.

2430       e. The local government may require permitting and  
2431 inspection of these signs before any towing or removal of  
2432 vehicles or vessels being authorized.

2433       f. A business with 20 or fewer parking spaces satisfies  
2434 the notice requirements of this subparagraph by prominently  
2435 displaying a sign stating "Reserved Parking for Customers Only  
2436 Unauthorized Vehicles or Vessels Will be Towed Away At the

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2437 Owner's Expense" in not fewer than 4-inch high, light-reflective  
2438 letters on a contrasting background.

2439 g. A property owner towing or removing vessels from real  
2440 property must post notice, consistent with the requirements in  
2441 sub-subparagraphs a.-f., which apply to vehicles, that  
2442 unauthorized vehicles or vessels will be towed away at the  
2443 owner's expense.

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2445 A business owner or lessee may authorize the removal of a  
2446 vehicle or vessel by a towing company when the vehicle or vessel  
2447 is parked in such a manner that restricts the normal operation  
2448 of business; and if a vehicle or vessel parked on a public  
2449 right-of-way obstructs access to a private driveway the owner,  
2450 lessee, or agent may have the vehicle or vessel removed by a  
2451 towing company upon signing an order that the vehicle or vessel  
2452 be removed without a posted tow-away zone sign.

2453 6. Any person or firm that tows or removes vehicles or  
2454 vessels and proposes to require an owner, operator, or person in  
2455 control or custody of a vehicle or vessel to pay the costs of  
2456 towing and storage before redemption of the vehicle or vessel  
2457 must file and keep on record with the local law enforcement  
2458 agency a complete copy of the current rates to be charged for  
2459 such services and post at the storage site an identical rate  
2460 schedule and any written contracts with property owners,  
2461 lessees, or persons in control of property which authorize such

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2462 person or firm to remove vehicles or vessels as provided in this  
2463 section.

2464 7. Any person or firm towing or removing any vehicles or  
2465 vessels from private property without the consent of the owner  
2466 or other legally authorized person in control or custody of the  
2467 vehicles or vessels shall, on any trucks, wreckers as defined in  
2468 s. 713.78(1), or other vehicles used in the towing or removal,  
2469 have the name, address, and telephone number of the company  
2470 performing such service clearly printed in contrasting colors on  
2471 the driver and passenger sides of the vehicle. The name shall be  
2472 in at least 3-inch permanently affixed letters, and the address  
2473 and telephone number shall be in at least 1-inch permanently  
2474 affixed letters.

2475 8. Vehicle entry for the purpose of removing the vehicle  
2476 or vessel shall be allowed with reasonable care on the part of  
2477 the person or firm towing the vehicle or vessel. Such person or  
2478 firm shall be liable for any damage occasioned to the vehicle or  
2479 vessel if such entry is not in accordance with the standard of  
2480 reasonable care.

2481 9. When a vehicle or vessel has been towed or removed  
2482 pursuant to this section, it must be released to its owner or  
2483 person in control or custody within 1 hour after requested. Any  
2484 vehicle or vessel owner or person in control or custody has the  
2485 right to inspect the vehicle or vessel before accepting its  
2486 return, and no release or waiver of any kind which would release

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2487 the person or firm towing the vehicle or vessel from liability  
 2488 for damages noted by the owner or person in control or custody  
 2489 at the time of the redemption may be required from any vehicle  
 2490 or vessel owner or person in control or custody as a condition  
 2491 of release of the vehicle or vessel to its owner or person in  
 2492 control or custody. A detailed receipt showing the legal name of  
 2493 the company or person towing or removing the vehicle or vessel  
 2494 must be given to the person paying towing or storage charges at  
 2495 the time of payment, whether requested or not.

2496 **Section 55. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section**  
 2497 **921.0022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

2498 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity  
 2499 ranking chart.—

2500 (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

2501 (b) LEVEL 2

2502

Florida	Felony	
Statute	Degree	Description

2503

365.172	3rd	Misuse of emergency
(14) (b) 1.		communications system causing
		great bodily harm, permanent
		disfigurement, or permanent
		disability.

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2505	379.2431 (1) (e) 3.	3rd	Possession of 11 or fewer marine turtle eggs in violation of the Marine Turtle Protection Act.
2506	379.2431 (1) (e) 4.	3rd	Possession of more than 11 marine turtle eggs in violation of the Marine Turtle Protection Act.
2507	403.413 (6) (c)	3rd	Dumps waste litter exceeding 500 lbs. in weight or 100 cubic feet in volume or any quantity for commercial purposes, or hazardous waste.
2508	517.07 (2)	3rd	Failure to furnish a prospectus meeting requirements.
2509	590.28 (1)	3rd	Intentional burning of lands.
2510	784.03 (3)	3rd	Battery during a riot or an aggravated riot.
	784.05 (3)	3rd	Storing or leaving a loaded

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2511			firearm within reach of minor who uses it to inflict injury or death.
	787.04 (1)	3rd	In violation of court order, take, entice, etc., minor beyond state limits.
2512			
	806.13 (1) (b) 3.	3rd	Criminal mischief; damage \$1,000 or more to public communication or any other public service.
2513			
	<u>806.13 (4)</u>	3rd	Criminal mischief; damage of \$200 or more to a memorial or historic property.
	<del>806.13 (3)</del>		
2514			
	810.061 (2)	3rd	Impairing or impeding telephone or power to a dwelling; facilitating or furthering burglary.
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	810.09 (2) (d)	3rd	Trespassing on posted commercial horticulture property.

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2516	812.014(2)(c)1.	3rd	Grand theft, 3rd degree; \$750 or more but less than \$5,000.
2517	812.014(2)(d)1.	3rd	Grand theft, 3rd degree; \$40 or more but less than \$750, taken from dwelling or its unenclosed curtilage.
2518	812.014(2)(e)2.	3rd	Petit theft, 1st degree; less than \$40 taken from dwelling or its unenclosed curtilage with one prior theft conviction.
2519	812.015(7)	3rd	Possession, use, or attempted use of an antishoplifting or inventory control device countermeasure.
2520	817.234(1)(a)2.	3rd	False statement in support of insurance claim.
2521	817.481(3)(a)	3rd	Obtain credit or purchase with false, expired, counterfeit, etc., credit card, value over

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2522			\$300.
2523	817.52 (3)	3rd	Failure to redeliver hired vehicle.
2524	817.54	3rd	With intent to defraud, obtain mortgage note, etc., by false representation.
2525	817.60 (5)	3rd	Dealing in credit cards of another.
2526	817.60 (6) (a)	3rd	Forgery; purchase goods, services with false card.
2527	817.61	3rd	Fraudulent use of credit cards over \$100 or more within 6 months.
2528	826.04	3rd	Knowingly marries or has sexual intercourse with person to whom related.
2529	831.01	3rd	Forgery.

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2530	831.02	3rd	Uttering forged instrument; utters or publishes alteration with intent to defraud.
2531	831.07	3rd	Forging bank bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes.
2532	831.08	3rd	Possessing 10 or more forged notes, bills, checks, or drafts.
2533	831.09	3rd	Uttering forged notes, bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes.
2534	831.11	3rd	Bringing into the state forged bank bills, checks, drafts, or notes.
2535	832.05 (3) (a)	3rd	Cashing or depositing item with intent to defraud.
	836.13 (3)	3rd	Soliciting an altered sexual depiction of an identifiable person without consent.

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843.01(2) 3rd Resist police canine or police horse with violence; under certain circumstances.

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843.08 3rd False personation.

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843.19(3) 3rd Touch or strike police, fire, SAR canine or police horse.

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893.13(2)(a)2. 3rd Purchase of any s.  
893.03(1)(c), (2)(c)1., (2)(c)2., (2)(c)3., (2)(c)6., (2)(c)7., (2)(c)8., (2)(c)9., (2)(c)10., (3), or (4) drugs other than cannabis.

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893.147(2) 3rd Manufacture or delivery of drug paraphernalia.

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2542 **Section 56. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section**

2543 **1006.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

2544 1006.23 Hazardous walking conditions.—

2545 (2) HAZARDOUS WALKING CONDITIONS.—

2546 (a) Walkways parallel to the road.—

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2547 1. It shall be considered a hazardous walking condition  
 2548 with respect to any road along which students must walk in order  
 2549 to walk to and from school if there is not an area at least 4  
 2550 feet wide adjacent to the road, not including drainage ditches,  
 2551 sluiceways, swales, or channels, having a surface upon which  
 2552 students may walk without being required to walk on the road  
 2553 surface or if the walkway is along a limited access facility as  
 2554 defined in s. 334.03(13) ~~s. 334.03(12)~~. In addition, whenever  
 2555 the road along which students must walk is uncurbed and has a  
 2556 posted speed limit of 50 miles per hour or greater, the area as  
 2557 described above for students to walk upon shall be set off the  
 2558 road by no less than 3 feet from the edge of the road.

2559 2. Subparagraph 1. does not apply when the road along  
 2560 which students must walk:

2561 a. Is a road on which the volume of traffic is less than  
 2562 180 vehicles per hour, per direction, during the time students  
 2563 walk to and from school; or

2564 b. Is located in a residential area and has a posted speed  
 2565 limit of 30 miles per hour or less.

2566 **Section 57.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
 2567 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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2570 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

2571 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to transportation; amending s. 20.23, F.S.; revising the membership composition of the Florida Transportation Research Institute; amending s. 260.0142, F.S.; requiring the Florida Greenways and Trails Council to meet within a specified timeframe to update specified recommendations; amending s. 311.14, F.S.; requiring each seaport to include specified strategies for obtaining and maintaining critical infrastructure resources as part of a 10-year strategic plan; defining the terms "critical infrastructure resources" and "strategic seaport hub"; requiring the governing board of certain seaports to coordinate with Space Florida for specified purposes; creating s. 311.26, F.S.; requiring the Department of Transportation to coordinate with certain entities for a specified purpose; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "personal delivery device"; defining the term "prohibited zone of operation"; amending s. 316.0076; prohibiting the use of certain technologies for specified purposes; amending s. 316.008, F.S.; authorizing a personal delivery device to be operated in specified areas; providing an exception; prohibiting counties and municipalities

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2597 from enacting, imposing, levying, collecting, or  
2598 enforcing certain fees or advertising regulations;  
2599 amending s. 316.0777, F.S.; authorizing a private  
2600 entity to install an automated license plate  
2601 recognition system for use on certain property for a  
2602 specified purpose and providing requirements therefor;  
2603 providing a penalty; amending s. 316.187, F.S.;  
2604 increasing certain speed limits; amending s. 316.2071,  
2605 F.S.; authorizing a personal delivery device to  
2606 operate in specified areas; providing an exception;  
2607 prohibiting a personal delivery device or mobile  
2608 carrier from interfering with bicyclists and motor  
2609 vehicles; prohibiting a personal delivery device or  
2610 mobile carrier from operating in specified areas  
2611 unless certain conditions are met; prohibiting a  
2612 personal delivery device or mobile carrier from  
2613 operating in a prohibited zone of operation;  
2614 authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s.  
2615 316.212, F.S.; authorizing operation of a golf cart  
2616 for the purpose of crossing certain streets and  
2617 highways under certain conditions; providing  
2618 penalties; amending s. 316.3045, F.S.; prohibiting  
2619 certain excessive or unusual noises; amending s.  
2620 318.14, F.S.; modifying terms for elections to attend  
2621 a basic driver improvement course; creating s.

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2622 319.1401, F.S.; authorizing certain golf carts to be  
2623 titled and registered for operation on certain roads  
2624 without an inspection by the Department of  
2625 Transportation and providing requirements therefor;  
2626 amending s. 320.06, F.S.; authorizing certain rental  
2627 trucks to elect a permanent registration period;  
2628 requiring a motor vehicle registration renewal to be  
2629 recorded electronically; removing provisions relating  
2630 to validation stickers; amending s. 320.64, F.S.;  
2631 authorizing licensees to reject the succession to  
2632 interest in a franchise agreement of a motor vehicle  
2633 dealer under certain circumstances; clarifying the  
2634 motor vehicles for which a licensee must pay certain  
2635 costs to a motor vehicle dealer under certain  
2636 circumstances; prohibiting a licensee from  
2637 distributing more than a specified percentage of a  
2638 specified number of motor vehicles of a particular  
2639 line-make during a certain period to one motor vehicle  
2640 dealer or dealers that share common ownership or  
2641 control; providing applicability; amending s. 320.643,  
2642 F.S.; authorizing a licensee to reject a sale,  
2643 transfer, alienation, or other disposition of a  
2644 franchise agreement or an equity interest in a motor  
2645 vehicle dealer under certain circumstances; amending  
2646 s. 330.41, F.S.; prohibiting a political subdivision

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2647 from taking certain actions against a drone delivery  
2648 service on a commercial property; removing a  
2649 limitation relating to drone ports; prohibiting a  
2650 drone delivery service from operating in a prohibited  
2651 zone of operation; providing that the addition of a  
2652 drone delivery service within the parking area of a  
2653 commercial property does not reduce the number of  
2654 parking spaces for a specified purpose; amending s.  
2655 331.302, F.S.; providing that Space Florida is not an  
2656 agency and is not subject to certain bidding and  
2657 contract procedures under certain conditions; amending  
2658 s. 331.3051, F.S.; requiring Space Florida to employ a  
2659 full-time business development director for specified  
2660 purposes; amending s. 331.3081, F.S.; revising  
2661 membership of the Space Florida board of directors;  
2662 amending s. 332.001, F.S.; revising powers and duties  
2663 of the department with respect to airport systems in  
2664 this state; amending s. 332.006, F.S.; requiring the  
2665 department to coordinate with certain airports for a  
2666 specified purpose; amending s. 332.0075, F.S.;  
2667 requiring commercial service airports to provide  
2668 methods for obtaining and maintaining critical  
2669 infrastructure resources; defining the term "critical  
2670 infrastructure resources"; amending s. 334.03, F.S.;  
2671 defining the term "advanced air mobility corridor

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2672 connection point"; revising the definition of the term  
2673 "transportation corridor"; amending s. 334.044, F.S.;  
2674 providing and revising powers and duties of the  
2675 department; amending s. 337.401, F.S.; prohibiting  
2676 municipalities and counties from requiring that  
2677 providers locate or perform surveys of certain  
2678 facilities; requiring a provider to use certain means  
2679 to avoid damaging certain facilities under specified  
2680 circumstances; prohibiting municipalities and counties  
2681 from taking certain actions relating to certain  
2682 facility permits; authorizing municipalities and  
2683 counties to require a bond or other financial  
2684 instrument; prohibiting municipalities and counties  
2685 from imposing or collecting a tax, fee, cost, charge,  
2686 or exaction for the placement of certain  
2687 communications facilities; revising applicability;  
2688 revising the definition of the term "application";  
2689 prohibiting an authority from requiring compliance  
2690 with provisions regarding placement of communications  
2691 facilities in certain locations; providing exceptions;  
2692 requiring that certain authority ordinances apply to  
2693 all providers of communications services; providing  
2694 bond requirements; providing requirements for certain  
2695 financial obligations required by an authority;  
2696 prohibiting an authority from requiring a deposit or

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2697 escrow of cash or agreement with certain terms;  
2698 prohibiting an authority from requiring a  
2699 communications service provider to indemnify the  
2700 authority for certain liabilities; prohibiting an  
2701 authority from imposing certain landscaping and  
2702 vegetation management requirements; amending s.  
2703 338.231, F.S.; revising the period through which the  
2704 department, to the extent possible, is required to  
2705 program sufficient funds in the tentative work program  
2706 for a specified purpose; requiring the department, to  
2707 the extent possible, to program sufficient funds in  
2708 the tentative work program for a specified purpose  
2709 beginning in a specified fiscal year; amending s.  
2710 339.81, F.S.; revising construction materials that may  
2711 be used for certain multiuse trails or shared-use  
2712 paths; authorizing the department to consider certain  
2713 sponsorship agreements; amending s. 341.041, F.S.;  
2714 providing that certain provisions relating to  
2715 paratransit services apply only to persons with  
2716 disabilities; amending s. 479.25, F.S.; revising  
2717 provisions authorizing certain sign owners to increase  
2718 sign height under certain circumstances; amending s.  
2719 790.19, F.S.; providing penalties for shooting into or  
2720 throwing deadly missiles into an occupied or  
2721 unoccupied autonomous vehicle; amending s. 806.13,

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2722 F.S.; providing penalties for defacing, injuring, or  
2723 damaging an autonomous vehicle; amending ss. 311.07,  
2724 316.0777, 316.1995, 316.2125, 316.2126, 316.2128,  
2725 316.306, 316.515, 320.04, 320.08035, 320.0807,  
2726 320.084, 320.102, 336.01, 338.222, 341.8225, 376.3071,  
2727 403.7211, 479.261, 655.960, 715.07, 921.0022, and  
2728 1006.23, F.S.; conforming cross-references and  
2729 provisions to changes made by the act; providing  
2730 effective dates.

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