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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to transportation; requiring the Department of Transportation to increase the minimum perception reaction time of all steady yellow signals in this state by a specified amount of time; amending s. 207.001, F.S.; revising a short title; reordering and amending s. 207.002, F.S.; revising definitions and defining terms; amending s. 207.004, F.S.; requiring licensing, rather than registration, of motor carriers; requiring fuel tax decals, rather than identifying devices, for motor carriers; requiring that a copy of the license be carried in each qualified motor vehicle or made available electronically; specifying how fuel tax decals are to be displayed on qualified motor vehicles; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or its authorized agent to issue licenses and fuel tax decals; requiring that fuel tax decal renewal orders be submitted electronically beginning on a specified date; revising required contents of temporary fuel-use permits; deleting provisions relating to driveaway permits; amending s. 207.005, F.S.; revising reporting periods and due dates for motor fuel use tax returns; requiring that such tax returns be submitted electronically beginning on a specified date; amending s. 207.007, F.S.; revising requirements for calculation of interest due for delinquent tax; providing penalties for any person who counterfeits, alters, manufactures, or sells fuel tax licenses, fuel

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tax decals, or temporary fuel-use permits except under certain circumstances; amending s. 207.019, F.S.; requiring motor carriers to destroy fuel tax decals under certain circumstances and notify the department; amending s. 261.03, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "off-highway vehicle"; amending s. 261.11, F.S.; revising penalties; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 311.10(4), F.S.; defining the terms "cargo purposes" and "commercial space launch industry"; requiring certain seaports to submit an annual report describing measures taken to support the commercial space launch industry to the chair of the Space Florida board of directors beginning on a specified date; requiring a seaport to post such report on its website; prohibiting certain seaports from converting planned or existing land, facilities, or infrastructure that supports cargo purposes unless specified conditions are met; requiring legislative approval for the use of state funds for specified projects; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "micromobility device"; amending s. 316.0777, F.S.; authorizing a private entity to install an automated license plate recognition system for use on certain property for a specified purpose and providing requirements therefor; amending s. 316.20655, F.S.; clarifying a provision; repealing ss. 316.272 and 316.293, F.S., relating to the prevention of noise from exhaust systems and motor vehicle noise, respectively; amending s. 316.3045,

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F.S.; requiring that a motor vehicle be equipped with an exhaust system to prevent excessive or unusual noise; providing that such system may not allow noise that is audible at a specified distance from the vehicle; creating s. 319.1401, F.S.; providing that certain golf carts may be titled and registered for operation on certain roads without an inspection by the department and providing requirements therefor; amending s. 322.032, F.S.; defining terms; providing requirements for an electronic credentialing system; providing exceptions to certain prohibitions; providing for enforcement and penalties; amending s. 337.11, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Transportation to make direct payments to certain subcontractors under specified conditions; amending s. 337.18, F.S.; requiring the department and a surety to enter into a takeover agreement under certain conditions; providing requirements for such agreement; amending s. 339.85, F.S.; providing legislative findings; requiring the department to implement a Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program; providing the program's purpose; requiring the department to implement a state-local partnership through a cost-sharing arrangement; providing requirements for such arrangement; authorizing the department to waive local match requirements for certain intersections; requiring the department to prioritize grant applications for certain intersections and use competitive procurement to find

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88 certain vendors; providing program requirements;  
89 providing for an annual appropriation; amending ss.  
90 207.003, 207.008, 207.011, 207.013, 207.014, 207.023,  
91 207.0281, 212.08, 316.455, 316.545, 318.18, 324.171,  
92 403.061, 403.415, and 627.7415, F.S.; conforming  
93 provisions to changes made by the act; providing an  
94 effective date.

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

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98 Section 1. The Department of Transportation shall increase  
99 the minimum perception reaction time of all steady yellow  
100 signals in this state by 0.4 seconds.

101 Section 2. Section 207.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
102 read:

103 207.001 Short title.—This chapter shall be known as the  
104 "Florida ~~Diesel Fuel and~~ Motor Fuel Use Tax Act ~~of 1981~~," and  
105 the taxes levied under this chapter shall be in addition to all  
106 other taxes imposed by law.

107 Section 3. Section 207.002, Florida Statutes, is reordered  
108 and amended to read:

109 207.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

110 (1) ~~(2)~~ "Department" means the Department of Highway Safety  
111 and Motor Vehicles.

112 (2) "International Fuel Tax Agreement" means the reciprocal  
113 agreement among certain states of the United States, provinces  
114 of Canada, and other member jurisdictions which provides for the  
115 administration, collection, and enforcement of taxes on the  
116 basis of fuel consumed or distance accrued, or both, in member

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jurisdictions.

~~(3) "Diesel fuel" means any liquid product or gas product or combination thereof, including, but not limited to, all forms of fuel known or sold as diesel fuel, kerosene, butane gas, or propane gas and all other forms of liquefied petroleum gases, except those defined as "motor fuel," used to propel a motor vehicle.~~

~~(4) "International Registration Plan" means a registration reciprocity agreement among states of the United States and provinces of Canada providing for payment of license fees or license taxes on the basis of fleet miles operated in various jurisdictions.~~

~~(3)(5)~~ "Interstate" means vehicle movement between or through two or more member jurisdictions ~~states~~.

~~(4)(6)~~ "Intrastate" means vehicle movement from one point within a member jurisdiction ~~state~~ to another point within the same member jurisdiction ~~state~~.

~~(5)~~ "Member jurisdiction" means a member of the International Fuel Tax Agreement.

~~(6)(7)~~ "Motor carrier" means any person owning, controlling, operating, or managing any motor vehicle used to transport persons or property over any public highway.

~~(7)(8)~~ "Motor fuel" means any fuel placed in the fuel supply storage unit of a qualified motor vehicle, including an alternative fuel such as pure methanol, ethanol, or other alcohol; a blend of 85 percent or more alcohol with gasoline; natural gas and liquid fuel produced from natural gas; propane; coal-derived liquified fuel; hydrogen; electricity; pure biodiesel (B100) fuel, other than alcohol, derived from

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146 biological materials; P-series fuel; or any other type of fuel  
147 or energy used to propel a qualified motor vehicle ~~what is~~  
148 ~~commonly known and sold as gasoline and fuels containing a~~  
149 ~~mixture of gasoline and other products.~~

150 ~~(8)(9)~~ "Operate," "operated," "operation," or "operating"  
151 means ~~and includes~~ the use ~~utilization~~ in any form of any  
152 qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle, whether loaded or empty,  
153 whether used ~~utilized~~ for compensation or not for compensation,  
154 and whether owned by or leased to the motor carrier who uses it  
155 or causes it to be used.

156 ~~(9)(10)~~ "Person" means ~~and includes~~ natural persons,  
157 corporations, copartnerships, firms, companies, agencies, or  
158 associations, singular or plural.

159 ~~(10)(11)~~ "Public highway" means any public street, road, or  
160 highway in this state.

161 ~~(11)(1)~~ "Qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle" means any  
162 vehicle not owned or operated by a governmental entity which  
163 uses ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel on the public highways, and which  
164 has two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross  
165 vehicle weight in excess of 26,000 pounds, or has three or more  
166 axles regardless of weight, or is used in combination when the  
167 weight of such combination exceeds 26,000 pounds gross vehicle  
168 weight or registered gross vehicle weight. The term excludes any  
169 recreational vehicle or vehicle owned or operated by a community  
170 transportation coordinator as defined in s. 427.011 or by a  
171 private operator that provides public transit services under  
172 contract with such a provider.

173 ~~(12)~~ "Registrant" means ~~a person in whose name or names a~~  
174 ~~vehicle is properly registered.~~

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175       ~~(12)(13)~~ "Use," "uses," or "used" means the consumption of  
176 ~~diesel fuel or motor fuel~~ in a qualified commercial motor  
177 vehicle for the propulsion thereof.

178       Section 4. Section 207.004, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
179 read:

180       207.004 Licensing ~~registration~~ of motor carriers; fuel tax  
181 decals ~~identifying devices~~; fees; renewals; temporary fuel-use  
182 permits ~~and driveaway permits~~.—

183       (1)(a) A ~~no~~ motor carrier may not ~~shall~~ operate or cause to  
184 be operated in this state any qualified commercial motor  
185 vehicle, other than a Florida-based qualified commercial motor  
186 vehicle that travels Florida intrastate mileage only, which ~~that~~  
187 ~~uses diesel fuel or motor fuel~~ until such carrier is licensed  
188 ~~has registered with the department or has registered under the~~  
189 International Fuel Tax Agreement ~~a cooperative reciprocal~~  
190 ~~agreement as described in s. 207.0281, after such time as this~~  
191 ~~state enters into such agreement,~~ and has been issued fuel tax  
192 decals ~~an identifying device~~ or such carrier has been issued a  
193 temporary fuel-use permit as authorized under subsection  
194 ~~subsections (4) and (5)~~ for each vehicle operated. The fee for  
195 each set of fuel tax decals is ~~There shall be a fee of \$4 per~~  
196 year or any fraction thereof. A copy of the license must be  
197 carried in each vehicle or made available electronically. The  
198 fuel tax decal ~~for each such identifying device issued. The~~  
199 ~~identifying device shall be provided by the department and must~~  
200 be conspicuously displayed on the qualified commercial motor  
201 vehicle as prescribed by the instructions on the reverse side of  
202 the decal ~~department~~ while the vehicle ~~it~~ is being operated on  
203 the public highways of this state. The transfer of a fuel tax

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204 ~~decals~~ an identifying device from one vehicle to another vehicle  
205 or from one motor carrier to another motor carrier is  
206 prohibited. The department or its authorized agent shall issue  
207 the licenses and fuel tax decals.

208 (b) The motor carrier to whom fuel tax decals have ~~an~~  
209 ~~identifying device~~ has been issued is ~~shall be~~ solely  
210 responsible for the proper use of the fuel tax decals  
211 ~~identifying device~~ by its employees, consignees, or lessees.

212 (2) Fuel tax decals ~~Identifying devices~~ shall be issued  
213 each year for the period January 1 through December 31, or any  
214 portion thereof, if tax returns and tax payments, when  
215 applicable, have been submitted to the department for all prior  
216 reporting periods. Fuel tax decals ~~Identifying devices~~ may be  
217 displayed for the next succeeding indicia period beginning  
218 December 1 of each year. Beginning October 1, 2026, except as  
219 otherwise authorized by the department, all fuel tax decal  
220 renewal orders must be submitted electronically through an  
221 online system prescribed by the department.

222 (3) If a motor carrier licensed in this state no longer  
223 operates or causes to be operated in this state any qualified ~~a~~  
224 ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle, the fuel tax decal for each qualified  
225 motor vehicle that is no longer operated or caused to be  
226 operated by the motor carrier must ~~identifying device~~ ~~shall~~ be  
227 destroyed and the motor carrier to whom the fuel tax decal  
228 ~~device~~ was issued must ~~shall~~ notify the department immediately  
229 by letter of such removal and of the number of the fuel tax  
230 decal ~~identifying device~~ that was ~~has been~~ destroyed.

231 (4) A motor carrier, before operating a qualified  
232 ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle on the public highways of this state,



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233 must require each qualified motor vehicle to display a fuel tax  
234 decals ~~an identifying device~~ as required under subsections (1)  
235 and (2) or must obtain a temporary fuel-use permit for that  
236 vehicle as provided in subsection (5). ~~A temporary fuel-use~~  
237 ~~permit shall expire within 10 days after date of issuance. The~~  
238 ~~cost of a temporary fuel-use permit is \$45, and the permit~~  
239 ~~exempts the vehicle from the payment of the motor fuel or diesel~~  
240 ~~fuel tax imposed under this chapter during the term for which~~  
241 ~~the permit is valid. However, the vehicle is not exempt from~~  
242 ~~paying the fuel tax at the pump.~~

243 (5) (a) A ~~registered~~ motor carrier holding a valid license  
244 may certificate of registration may, upon payment of the \$45 fee  
245 per permit, secure from the department, or any wire service  
246 authorized by the department, a temporary fuel-use permit.

247 (b) The fee for a temporary fuel-use permit is \$45. A  
248 temporary fuel-use permit expires 10 days after the date of  
249 issuance and exempts the vehicle from payment of the motor fuel  
250 tax imposed under this chapter during the period for which the  
251 permit is valid. However, this paragraph does not exempt the  
252 vehicle from payment at the pump of the fuel tax imposed under  
253 chapter 206.

254 (c) A ~~blank~~ temporary fuel-use permit, ~~before its use~~, must  
255 ~~be executed by the motor carrier, in ink or type, so as to~~  
256 identify the carrier, the vehicle to which the permit is  
257 assigned, and the permit's effective date and expiration date  
258 ~~that the vehicle is placed in and removed from service. The~~  
259 ~~temporary fuel-use permit shall also show a complete~~  
260 ~~identification of the vehicle on which the permit is to be used,~~  
261 ~~together with the name and address of the owner or lessee of the~~

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262 ~~vehicle.~~ The ~~endorsed~~ temporary fuel-use permit must ~~shall then~~  
263 be carried on the vehicle that it identifies and must ~~shall~~ be  
264 exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. Temporary fuel-  
265 use permits may be transmitted to the motor carrier by  
266 electronic means ~~and shall be completed as outlined by~~  
267 ~~department personnel prior to transmittal.~~

268 (d) The motor carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit  
269 is issued is ~~shall be~~ solely responsible for the proper use of  
270 the permit by its employees, consignees, or lessees. Any  
271 erasure, alteration, or unauthorized use of a temporary fuel-use  
272 permit renders ~~shall render~~ it invalid and of no effect. A motor  
273 carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit is issued may not  
274 knowingly allow the permit to be used by any other person ~~or~~  
275 organization.

276 ~~(b) An unregistered motor carrier may, upon payment of the~~  
277 ~~\$45 fee, secure from any wire service authorized by the~~  
278 ~~department, by electronic means, a temporary fuel-use permit~~  
279 ~~that shall be valid for a period of 10 days. Such permit must~~  
280 ~~show the name and address of the unregistered motor carrier to~~  
281 ~~whom it is issued, the date the vehicle is placed in and removed~~  
282 ~~from service, a complete identification of the vehicle on which~~  
283 ~~the permit is to be used, and the name and address of the owner~~  
284 ~~or lessee of the vehicle. The temporary fuel-use permit shall~~  
285 ~~then be carried on the vehicle that it identifies and shall be~~  
286 ~~exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. The~~  
287 ~~unregistered motor carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit~~  
288 ~~is issued shall be solely responsible for the proper use of the~~  
289 ~~permit by its employees, consignees, or lessees. Any erasure,~~  
290 ~~alteration, or unauthorized use of a temporary fuel-use permit~~

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shall render it invalid and of no effect. The unregistered motor carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit is issued may not knowingly allow the permit to be used by any other person or organization.

(c) A registered motor carrier engaged in driveaway transportation, in which the cargo is the vehicle itself and is in transit to stock inventory and the ownership of the vehicle is not vested in the motor carrier, may, upon payment of the \$4 fee, secure from the department a driveaway permit. The driveaway permits shall be issued for the period January 1 through December 31. An original permit must be in the possession of the operator of each vehicle and shall be exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. Vehicle mileage reports must be submitted by the motor carrier, and the road privilege tax must be paid on all miles operated within this state during the reporting period. All other provisions of this chapter shall apply to the holder of a driveaway permit.

Section 5. Section 207.005, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

207.005 Returns and payment of tax; delinquencies; calculation of fuel used during operations in this the state; credit; bond.—

(1) The taxes levied under this chapter are ~~shall be~~ due and payable on the first day of the month following the last month of the reporting period. The department may adopt ~~promulgate~~ rules for requiring and establishing procedures for annual, semiannual, or quarterly filing. The reporting period is ~~shall be~~ the 12 months beginning January ~~July~~ 1 and ending December 31 ~~June 30~~. It shall be the duty of Each motor carrier

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320 licensed ~~registered~~ or required to be licensed ~~registered~~ under  
321 ~~the provisions of this chapter~~ must ~~to~~ submit a return by the  
322 following due dates, except that if the last day of the month  
323 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is  
324 extended until the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or  
325 legal holiday ~~within 30 days after the due date. The due date~~  
326 ~~shall be as follows:~~

327 (a) If annual filing, the due date is January 31 ~~shall be~~  
328 ~~July 1;~~

329 (b) If semiannual filing, the due dates are ~~shall be~~  
330 January 31 ~~+~~ and July 31 ~~+~~; or

331 (c) If quarterly filing, the due dates are ~~shall be~~ January  
332 31 ~~+~~, April 30 ~~+~~, July 31 ~~+~~, and October 31 ~~+~~.

333 (2) The amount of fuel used in the propulsion of any  
334 qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle within this state may be  
335 calculated, if the motor carrier maintains adequate records, by  
336 applying total interstate vehicular consumption of all ~~diesel~~  
337 ~~fuel and~~ motor fuel used as related to total miles traveled and  
338 applying such rate to total miles traveled within this state. In  
339 the absence of adequate documentation by the motor carrier, the  
340 department may adopt ~~is authorized to promulgate~~ rules  
341 converting miles driven to gallons used.

342 (3) For the purpose of computing the carrier's liability  
343 for the fuel ~~road privilege~~ tax, the total gallons of fuel used  
344 in the propulsion of any qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle in  
345 this state shall be multiplied by the rates provided in parts I-  
346 III of chapter 206. From the sum determined by this calculation,  
347 there shall be allowed a credit equal to the amount of the tax  
348 per gallon under parts I-III of chapter 206 for each gallon of

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fuel purchased in this state during the reporting period when the ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel tax was paid at the time of purchase. If the tax paid under parts I-III of chapter 206 exceeds the total tax due under this chapter, the excess may be allowed as a credit against future tax payments, until the credit is fully offset or until eight calendar quarters shall have passed since the end of the calendar quarter in which the credit accrued, whichever occurs first. A refund may be made for this credit provided it exceeds \$10.

(4) The department may adopt ~~is authorized to promulgate~~ the necessary rules to provide for an adequate bond from each motor carrier to ensure payment of taxes required under this chapter.

(5) Beginning October 1, 2026, except as otherwise authorized by the department, all returns must be submitted electronically through an online system prescribed by the department.

Section 6. Section 207.007, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

207.007 Offenses; penalties and interest.—

(1) If any motor carrier licensed ~~registered~~ under this chapter fails to file a return or ~~and~~ pay any tax liability under this chapter within the time required ~~hereunder~~, the department may impose a delinquency penalty of \$50 or 10 percent of the delinquent taxes due, whichever is greater, if the failure is for not more than 30 days, with an additional 10 percent penalty for each additional 30 days, or fraction thereof, during the time which the failure continues, not to exceed a total penalty of 100 percent in the aggregate. However,

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the penalty may not be less than \$50.

(2) In addition to any other penalties, any delinquent tax shall bear interest in accordance with the International Fuel Tax Agreement ~~at the rate of 1 percent per month, or fraction thereof, calculated from the date the tax was due. If the department enters into a cooperative reciprocal agreement under the provisions of s. 207.0281, the department shall collect and distribute all interest due to other jurisdictions at the same rate as if such interest were due to the state.~~

(3) Any person who:

(a) Willfully refuses or neglects to make any statement, report, or return required by ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter;

(b) Knowingly makes, or assists any other person in making, a false statement in a return or report ~~or~~ in connection with an application for licensure ~~registration~~ under this chapter or in connection with an audit; or

(c) Counterfeits, alters, manufactures, or sells fuel tax licenses, fuel tax decals, or temporary fuel-use permits without first having obtained the department's permission in writing; or

(d) ~~(e)~~ Violates any provision ~~of the provisions~~ of this chapter, a penalty for which is not otherwise provided,

commits ~~is guilty of~~ a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. In addition, the department may revoke or suspend the licensure and registration privileges under ss. 207.004 and 320.02, respectively, of the violator. Each day or part thereof during which a person operates or causes to be operated a qualified commercial motor vehicle without being the holder of fuel tax

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407 ~~decals an identifying device~~ or having a valid temporary fuel-  
408 use ~~or driveaway~~ permit as required by this chapter constitutes  
409 a separate offense within the meaning of this section. In  
410 addition to the penalty imposed by this section, the defendant  
411 ~~is shall be~~ required to pay all taxes, interest, and penalties  
412 due to the state.

413 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 207.019, Florida  
414 Statutes, is amended to read:

415 207.019 Discontinuance or transfer of business; change of  
416 address.—

417 (1) Whenever a person ceases to engage in business as a  
418 motor carrier within this ~~the~~ state by reason of the  
419 discontinuance, sale, or transfer of the business of such  
420 person, the person ~~he or she~~ shall notify the department in  
421 writing at least 10 days before ~~prior to~~ the time the  
422 discontinuance, sale, or transfer takes effect. Such notice must  
423 ~~shall~~ give the date of discontinuance and, in the event of a  
424 sale or transfer of the business, the date thereof and the name  
425 and address of the purchaser or transferee. All ~~diesel fuel or~~  
426 motor fuel use taxes are ~~shall become~~ due and payable  
427 concurrently with such discontinuance, sale, or transfer; ~~and~~  
428 any such person shall, concurrently with such discontinuance,  
429 sale, or transfer, make a report and, ~~pay~~ all such taxes,  
430 interest, and penalties; and the fuel tax decals must be  
431 destroyed and the motor carrier to whom the decals were issued  
432 must notify the department by letter of their destruction and of  
433 the number of fuel tax decals that were destroyed, ~~and surrender~~  
434 ~~to the department the registration issued to such person.~~

435 Section 8. Subsection (5) of section 261.03, Florida

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Statutes, is amended to read:

261.03 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(5) "Off-highway vehicle" means any ATV, two-rider ATV, ROV, ~~or OHM~~, or other vehicle with motive power specifically designed by the manufacturer that is used off the roads or highways of this state and that is not registered and licensed for highway use under chapter 320.

Section 9. Section 261.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

261.11 Penalties.—No off-highway vehicle may be operated upon the public sidewalks, roads, streets, or highways of this state, except as otherwise permitted by the managing local, state, or federal agency.

(1) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in chapter 318.

(2) A second or subsequent violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 10. Subsection (4) of section 311.10, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 311.15, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

311.15 ~~311.10~~ Seaports; cargo facilities; reporting requirements ~~Strategic Port Investment Initiative.—~~

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Cargo purposes" means any facility, activity, property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that is not intended to facilitate the transport of passengers and includes, but is not limited to, such facilities, activities, properties,



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energy sources, or infrastructure assets that support spaceport activities.

(b) "Commercial space launch industry" means any company substantially engaged in the transport, operation, and recovery of space launch or landing services with active maritime operations.

(2) Beginning February 1, 2027, and each February 1 thereafter, each seaport located in a county in which real property is designated as spaceport territory under s. 331.304 and which uses land, facilities, or infrastructure for the purpose of supporting spacecraft launch and recovery operations must submit a report to the chair of the Space Florida board of directors which describes all measures the seaport has taken to support the commercial space launch industry. The seaport must post a copy of the report on its website once the report has been submitted to the chair of the board.

~~(3)-(4) As a condition of receiving a project grant under any program established in this chapter and as a condition of receiving state funds as described in s. 215.31, A seaport that is located in a county in which real property is designated as spaceport territory under s. 331.304 and that uses land, facilities, or infrastructure for the purpose of supporting spacecraft launch and recovery operations must, in any agreement with the Department of Transportation, agree that the seaport may not convert any planned or existing land, facility, or infrastructure that supports cargo purposes to any alternative purpose unless all of the following conditions are met:~~

(a) The governing board of the seaport must provide public notice as provided in s. 50.011 at least 30 days before holding

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494 a public meeting on the proposed conversion.

495 (b) Before approving the proposed conversion, the governing  
496 board of the seaport must prepare or cause to be prepared a  
497 report estimating the impact of the conversion on the cargo  
498 operations of the seaport. The report must be prominently posted  
499 on the seaport's website at least 30 days before holding a  
500 public meeting on the proposed conversion.

501 (c) The conversion must be ~~is~~ approved by a two-thirds vote  
502 of ~~by the seaport's~~ governing board of the seaport at a publicly  
503 noticed meeting as a separate line on the agenda and with a  
504 reasonable opportunity for public comment. ~~, and, if approved,~~

505 (4) The Legislature must expressly approve ~~approves~~ the use  
506 of state funds for any ~~a~~ project that includes the ~~such a~~  
507 conversion of any planned or existing land, facility, or  
508 infrastructure that supports cargo purposes to any alternative  
509 purpose, whether by a work program amendment or through the  
510 General Appropriations Act. ~~As used in this subsection, the term~~  
511 ~~"cargo purposes" includes, but is not limited to, any facility,~~  
512 ~~activity, property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that~~  
513 ~~supports spaceport activities.~~

514 Section 11. Subsection (41) of section 316.003, Florida  
515 Statutes, is amended to read:

516 316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when  
517 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively  
518 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context  
519 otherwise requires:

520 (41) MICROMOBILITY DEVICE.—A motorized transportation  
521 device designed for individual use which is typically 20 to 36  
522 inches in width and 50 pounds or less in weight and which

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operates at a speed of typically less than 15 miles per hour but no more than 28 miles per hour. This term includes devices ~~both a human-powered and a nonhuman-powered device~~ such as an a ~~bicycle,~~ electric bicycle and a, motorized scooter, ~~or any other device that is owned by an individual or part of a shared fleet.~~

Section 12. Present subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section 316.0777, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4), (5), and (6), respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

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

(3) A private entity may install an automated license plate recognition system solely for use on and within the property owned or controlled by the entity and for a public safety-related purpose. A private entity that installs such a system:

(a) May not access vehicle registration data generated by the system, except to the extent that such data cannot reasonably be linked to an identified or identifiable individual.

(b) May not share or sell images or data generated by the system, except to the extent required to respond to a lawful request from a law enforcement agency.

(c) Must contractually obligate any third party that installs, maintains, or operates the system to protect the images or data generated by the system from disclosure, including a prohibition on sharing or selling such images or data, except to the extent required to respond to a lawful

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request from a law enforcement agency.

(d) May not offer or provide as payment or other consideration any portion of the proceeds derived from a fine or charge imposed based on images or data generated by the system to any third party that installs, maintains, or operates the system.

Section 13. Subsection (2) of section 316.20655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.20655 Electric bicycle regulations.—

(2) An electric bicycle as defined in s. 316.003 or an operator of an electric bicycle is not subject to the provisions of law relating to financial responsibility, driver or motor vehicle licenses, vehicle registration, title certificates, off-highway motorcycles, or off-highway vehicles.

Section 14. Sections 316.272 and 316.293, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

Section 15. Present subsections (2) through (5) of section 316.3045, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (3) through (6), respectively, and a new subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:

316.3045 Operation of radios or other mechanical or electronic soundmaking devices or instruments in vehicles; exhaust systems; prevention of noise; exemptions.—

(2) Every motor vehicle shall at all times be equipped with an exhaust system in good working order including muffler, manifold pipe, and tailpiping to prevent excessive or unusual noise. In no event shall an exhaust system allow noise at a level plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet or more from the motor vehicle.

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581 Section 16. Section 319.1401, Florida Statutes, is created  
582 to read:

583 319.1401 Titling and registering golf carts converted to  
584 low-speed vehicles.—A golf cart converted to a low-speed vehicle  
585 may be titled and registered for operation on certain roads  
586 without an inspection by the department. The owner of the low-  
587 speed vehicle shall affirm in writing that the vehicle complies  
588 with the requirements of chapter 316 and shall be assigned an  
589 identification number by the department. The identification  
590 number shall be unique to the low-speed vehicle and used for the  
591 issuance of a title and registration for the vehicle.

592 Section 17. Section 322.032, Florida Statutes, is amended  
593 to read:

594 322.032 Digital proof of driver license or identification  
595 card; electronic credential autonomy and verification  
596 integrity.—

597 (1) As used in this section, the term:

598 (a) “Credentialholder” means a person who is issued a  
599 digital proof of driver license or identification card.

600 (b) ~~(a)~~ “Digital proof of driver license” means an  
601 electronic credential viewable on an electronic credentialing  
602 system.

603 (c) ~~(b)~~ “Digital proof of identification card” means an  
604 electronic credential viewable on an electronic credentialing  
605 system.

606 (d) ~~(c)~~ “Electronic credentialing system” means a computer  
607 system accessed using a computer, a cellular telephone, or any  
608 other personal device which queries the department’s driver  
609 license and identification card records, displays or transmits

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digital proofs of driver licenses and identification cards, and verifies the authenticity of those electronic credentials.

(e) "Fair information practice principles" means internationally recognized privacy principles, including data minimization, purpose specification, use limitation, transparency, and strict data retention controls.

(f)~~(d)~~ "Limited profile" means an electronic credential containing some, but not all, of the information displayed on a printed driver license or identification card.

(g) "Record integrity" means the capability of ensuring historical continuity and verifiability of electronic credentials by maintaining a tamper-evident, append-only record of digital driver license and identification card issuance, renewal, replacement, or revocation.

(h)~~(e)~~ "Scanning" means obtaining data from a digital proof of driver license or identification card in an electronic format.

(2)(a) The department shall establish a secure and uniform system for issuing an optional digital proof of driver license or identification card. The department may contract with one or more private entities to develop an electronic credentialing system.

(b) The electronic credentialing system may not retain Internet protocol addresses, geolocation data, or other information that describes the location, computer, computer system, or computer network from which a customer accesses the system.

(c) The electronic credentialing system must:

1. Require the explicit consent of the credentialholder

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before performing any communication.

2. Provide offline cryptographic verification mechanisms that:

a. Do not require communication with the department.

b. Are fully auditable and interoperable with open standards.

c. Preserve the anonymity and unlinkability of transactions unless explicitly waived by the credentialholder.

3. Adhere to fair information practice principles, including collecting only the minimum data strictly necessary to fulfill the stated purpose of verification.

4. Collect data only for a single, clearly defined, and limited purpose that is explicitly communicated to the credentialholder.

5. Ensure that data is not reused, repurposed, shared, or transmitted beyond the initial purpose without the explicit consent of the credentialholder.

6. Securely delete data or render data irreversibly anonymized immediately upon fulfillment of the stated purpose unless a longer retention period is required by law and narrowly tailored to that legal necessity.

7. Implement measures to ensure record integrity. The electronic credentials must be verified based solely on the record integrity and without relying on third parties.

8. Implement verifiable receipt mechanisms that ensure any changes made to electronic credentials are independently confirmable and auditable by any relying party.

(d) Electronic credential verifiers must:

1. Perform full cryptographic validation of electronic

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668 credential authenticity, integrity, and issuer attribution  
669 without requiring online access to external systems, the  
670 department's systems, or any state system.

671 2. Retain only temporary user-authorized verification data  
672 that is strictly necessary for the transaction.

673 3. Create written strict data minimization principles that  
674 must be provided to a credentialholder upon request.

675 4. Provide a credentialholder with the ability to audit  
676 verification requests and control the sharing of electronic  
677 credential attributes.

678 (e) Electronic credentials must:

679 1. Be issued as tamper-evident, cryptographically  
680 verifiable statements capable of being selectively disclosed.

681 2. Contain clear metadata specifying cryptographic material  
682 necessary for independent verification.

683 3. Be controlled by the credentialholder, who may choose to  
684 disclose only the minimum information necessary for a  
685 transaction.

686 4. Use a cryptographically derived identifier format that:

687 a. Is capable of secure key rotation, recovery, delegation,  
688 and revocation without requiring a centralized registry or  
689 continuous third-party oversight.

690 b. Rotates cryptographic keys without requiring reissuance  
691 or reregistration with a central authority.

692 c. Is resolvable to metadata that contains authentication  
693 and authorization material without dependence on a single  
694 service endpoint or central registry.

695 d. Implements delegation, recovery, and secure binding to  
696 cryptographic keys without requiring persistent correlatable



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identifiers across contexts.

(3)(a) The digital proof of driver license or identification card established by the department or by an entity contracted by the department must be in such a format as to allow verification of the authenticity of the digital proof of driver license or identification card. The department may adopt rules to ensure valid authentication of digital driver licenses and identification cards.

(b)1. Notwithstanding ss. 322.14-322.142, and any other law prescribing the design for, or information required to be displayed on, a driver license, a digital proof of driver license may comprise a limited profile that includes only information necessary to conduct a specific transaction on the electronic credentialing system.

2. Notwithstanding ss. 322.051 and 322.141, and any other law prescribing the design for, or information required to be displayed on, an identification card, a digital proof of identification card may comprise a limited profile that includes only information necessary to conduct a specific transaction on the electronic credentialing system.

(4) A person may not be issued a digital proof of driver license or identification card until he or she satisfies all requirements of this chapter for issuance of the respective driver license or identification card and has been issued a printed driver license or identification card. The electronic credentialing system must, upon each presentation of a digital driver license or identification card, display or transmit current records for the driver license or identification card. If a licensee's driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or

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disqualified, or if his or her driver license is otherwise canceled or expired, a digital proof of driver license may not be issued; however, a digital proof of identification card may be issued if the licensee is otherwise eligible for an identification card under s. 322.051.

(5) The department may use a telephone number submitted by a licensee or cardholder in connection with a digital driver license or identification card only for purposes of communication regarding the digital proof of driver license or identification card or the motor vehicle records, as defined in s. 119.0712(2)(a), of the licensee or cardholder.

(6) The department may enter into contracts with one or more private entities which authorize online data calls or offline data verification through the electronic credentialing system that queries the department's driver license and identification card records, displays or transmits digital proofs of driver licenses or identification cards, or verifies the authenticity of such electronic credentials.

(7)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a private entity that scans a digital proof of driver license or identification card may not store, sell, or share personal information collected from such scanning of the digital proof of driver license or identification card unless:

1. The credentialholder has provided clear, informed, and revocable consent.

2. The retention serves a legally justified, narrowly tailored, and time-limited purpose.

(b) A credentialholder ~~An individual~~ may consent to allow a private entity to collect and store personal information

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obtained by scanning his or her digital proof of driver license or identification card. However, the credentialholder ~~individual~~ must be informed what information is collected and the purpose or purposes for which the information will be used. If the credentialholder ~~individual~~ does not want the private entity to scan his or her digital proof of the credentialholder's ~~individual's~~ driver license or identification card, the private entity may manually collect personal information from the credentialholder ~~individual~~.

(c) A private entity that violates this subsection is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 per occurrence, suspension of eligibility to participate in the electronic credentialing system, and public disclosure of the private entity's noncompliance.

(d) This subsection does not apply to a financial institution as defined in s. 655.005(1)(i).

(8) Courts shall afford strict scrutiny to any unnecessary government or commercial surveillance or remote verification practices that do not comply with this section.

(9) ~~(8)~~ A person who:

(a) Manufactures a false digital proof of driver license or identification card commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(b) Possesses a false digital proof of driver license or identification card commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082.

Section 18. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (11) of section 337.11, Florida Statutes, to read:

337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids; emergency

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repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders; combined design and construction contracts; progress payments; records; requirements of vehicle registration.—

(11)

(d)1. The department may make direct payments to first-tier subcontractors if the following conditions are met:

a. The contractor has not requested payment from the department for at least 6 months.

b. There is a binding, written subcontract between the contractor and the subcontractor, and the department is in possession of a complete copy of the subcontract.

c. The subcontractor has performed work that is unpaid by the contractor, and the department has sufficient documentation of such unpaid work.

d. There is no bona fide, documented dispute between the contractor and the subcontractor.

2. Any amounts paid by the department under this paragraph shall be deducted from amounts otherwise due the contractor.

Section 19. Present subsection (6) of section 337.18, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), and a new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

337.18 Surety bonds for construction or maintenance contracts; requirement with respect to contract award; bond requirements; defaults; damage assessments.—

(6) If the department declares a default on the part of any contractor for cause attributable to such contractor, and the department engages the surety to perform pursuant to the terms of the bond, the department and the surety must enter into a takeover agreement requiring the surety's completion contractor

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to meet the prequalification requirements of the original contract bid solicitation and requiring the surety to follow the contract's procedures regarding the completion contractor default and certification of disbursement of payment to subcontractors.

Section 20. Section 339.85, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

(Substantial rewording of section. See s. 339.85, F.S., for present text.)

339.85 Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program.—

(1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) This state's growing population and economic activity place increasing demands on public roads, resulting in congestion, delay, and avoidable crashes at signalized intersections.

(b) Modern signal control systems that incorporate artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML) can dynamically optimize timing plans in response to real-time conditions, improving travel time reliability, reducing secondary crashes, and lowering emissions from idling vehicles.

(c) Intersections are often owned or operated by local governments, yet the benefits of improved operations accrue to the traveling public statewide; therefore, a coordinated state-local partnership is in the public interest.

(d) Leveraging AI/ML for signal operations complements existing investments in managed lanes, transit priority, connected vehicle pilots, emergency preemption, and freight corridors, and can be deployed at comparatively low cost and

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high speed.

(e) A voluntary, performance-based grant program with local matching funds will accelerate deployment of signal modernizations while protecting taxpayers through measurable outcomes and transparent reporting.

(2) The department shall implement a Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to assist counties and municipalities in upgrading eligible signalized intersections with AI/ML-enabled detection, controllers, communications, and software that prioritizes modernization in key corridors across this state.

(3)(a) The department shall implement a state-local partnership through a cost-sharing arrangement as follows:

1. Authorize the department to fund first-year pilot corridors at up to 80 percent of eligible costs, with a minimum 20 percent local contribution.

2. Authorize the department to fund 50 percent of ensuing year research and development and installation.

(b) Ongoing maintenance after signal modernization shall be the responsibility of the local government and the vendor.

(4) The department may waive any local match requirement for state-owned or state-operated intersections.

(5) The department shall prioritize grant applications for intersections at which a signal modernization will measurably:

(a) Reduce average control delay and corridor travel times.

(b) Improve surrogate safety measures, such as failures to stop at red lights and hard-braking events, and support emergency vehicle preemption.

(c) Provide transit signal priority and multimodal benefits

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to pedestrians and cyclists.

(6) The department shall use competitive procurement as provided in chapter 287 to find a vendor or vendors that use state-of-the-art technology that complies with leading cybersecurity standards, such as SOC 2 and ISO 27001, ensuring robust data protection. The program shall also:

(a) Require open, interoperable, and secure systems that avoid vendor lock-in and protect cybersecurity.

(b) Ensure data transparency through standardized performance dashboards and annual public reports demonstrating benefits relative to cost.

(c) Coordinate with metropolitan planning organizations, regional traffic management centers, and law enforcement, fire rescue, and transit agencies to maximize systemwide benefits.

(d) Encourage use of state-based pilots, sandboxes, and independent evaluations to validate performance before large-scale rollout.

(e) Support workforce development and local operations staff training so upgrades remain effective over the life of the equipment.

(7) Beginning in fiscal year 2026-2027, \$20 million is appropriated annually from the State Transportation Trust Fund to the department to fund the Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program as described in this section.

Section 21. Section 207.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

207.003 Privilege tax levied.—A tax for the privilege of operating any qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle upon the public highways of this state shall be levied upon every motor carrier

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at a rate which includes the minimum rates provided in parts I-III of chapter 206 on each gallon of ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel used for the propulsion of a qualified commercial motor vehicle by such motor carrier within this ~~the~~ state.

Section 22. Section 207.008, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

207.008 Retention of records by motor carrier.—Each licensed ~~registered~~ motor carrier shall maintain and keep pertinent records and papers as may be required by the department for the reasonable administration of this chapter and shall preserve the records upon which each ~~quarterly~~ tax return is based for 4 years after ~~following~~ the due date or filing date of the return, whichever is later.

Section 23. Subsection (3) of section 207.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

207.011 Inspection of records; hearings; forms; rules.—

(3) The department, or any authorized agent thereof, may ~~is~~ ~~authorized to~~ examine the records, books, papers, and equipment of any motor carrier, any retail dealer of motor ~~diesel~~ fuels, and any wholesale distributor of ~~diesel fuels or~~ motor fuels which ~~that~~ are deemed necessary to verify the truth and accuracy of any statement, ~~or~~ report, or return and ascertain whether the tax imposed by this chapter has been paid.

Section 24. Section 207.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

207.013 Suits for collection of unpaid taxes, penalties, and interest.—Upon demand of the department, the Department of Legal Affairs or the state attorney for a judicial circuit shall bring appropriate actions, in the name of the state or in the



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name of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in the capacity of its office, for the recovery of taxes, penalties, and interest due under this chapter; and judgment shall be rendered for the amount so found to be due together with costs. However, if it is ~~shall be~~ found as a fact that such claim for, or grant of, an exemption or credit was willful on the part of any motor carrier, retail dealer, or distributor of ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel, judgment must ~~shall~~ be rendered for double the amount of the tax found to be due with costs. The department may employ an attorney at law to institute and prosecute proper proceedings to enforce payment of the taxes, penalties, and interest provided for by this chapter and may fix the compensation for the services of such attorney at law.

Section 25. Subsection (3) of section 207.014, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

207.014 Departmental warrant for collection of unpaid taxes.—

(3) In the event there is a contest or claim of any kind with reference to the property levied upon or the amount of taxes, costs, or penalties due, such contest or claim must ~~shall~~ be tried in the circuit court in and for the county in which the warrant was executed, as nearly as may be in the same manner and means as such contest or claim would have been tried in such court had the warrant originally issued upon a judgment rendered by such court. The warrant issued as provided in this section constitutes ~~shall constitute~~ prima facie evidence of the amount of taxes, interest, and penalties due to the state by the motor carrier, + and the burden of proof is ~~shall be~~ upon the motor carrier, retail dealer, or distributor of ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor

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fuel to show that the amounts or penalties were incorrect.

Section 26. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 207.023, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

207.023 Authority to inspect vehicles, make arrests, seize property, and execute warrants.—

(1) As a part of their responsibility when inspecting qualified motor ~~commercial~~ vehicles, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Department of Transportation shall ensure that all vehicles are properly qualified under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter.

(3) Qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicles owned or operated by any motor carrier who refuses to comply with this chapter may be seized by authorized agents or employees of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, or the Department of Transportation; or authorized agents and employees of any of these departments also may seize property as set out in ss. 206.205, 206.21, and 206.215. Upon such seizure, the property must ~~shall~~ be surrendered without delay to the sheriff of the county where the property was seized for further proceedings.

Section 27. Subsections (1) and (6) of section 207.0281, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

207.0281 ~~Registration~~; Cooperative reciprocal agreements between states.—

(1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may enter into a cooperative reciprocal agreement, including, but not limited to, the International Fuel Tax ~~fuel-tax~~ Agreement, with another state or group of states for the administration of

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the tax imposed by this chapter. An agreement arrangement, declaration, or amendment is not effective until stated in writing and filed with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

(6) This section and the contents of any reciprocal agreement entered into under this section supersede all other fuel-tax requirements of this chapter for qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicles.

Section 28. Paragraph (aa) of subsection (7) of section 212.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and storage tax; specified exemptions.—The sale at retail, the rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter.

(7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS.—Exemptions provided to any entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction that is otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is made by a representative or employee of the entity by any means, including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit card, even when that representative or employee is subsequently reimbursed by the entity. In addition, exemptions provided to any entity by this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is otherwise taxable under this chapter unless the entity has obtained a sales tax exemption certificate from the department or the entity obtains or provides other documentation as required by the department. Eligible purchases or leases made with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this

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subsection and departmental rules, and any person who makes an exempt purchase with a certificate that is not in strict compliance with this subsection and the rules is liable for and shall pay the tax. The department may adopt rules to administer this subsection.

(aa) Qualified motor ~~certain commercial~~ vehicles.—Also exempt is the sale, lease, or rental of a qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle as defined in s. 207.002, when the following conditions are met:

1. The sale, lease, or rental occurs between two commonly owned and controlled corporations;

2. Such vehicle was titled and registered in this state at the time of the sale, lease, or rental; and

3. Florida sales tax was paid on the acquisition of such vehicle by the seller, lessor, or renter.

Section 29. Subsection (6) of section 316.455, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.455 Other equipment.—Every motorcycle and every motor-driven cycle when operated upon a highway shall comply with the requirements and limitations of:

~~(6) Section 316.272 on the requirement for mufflers and prevention of noise.~~

A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

Section 30. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (4) of section 316.545, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.545 Weight and load unlawful; special fuel and motor fuel tax enforcement; inspection; penalty; review.—

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(4)(a) A commercial vehicle may not be operated over the highways of this state unless it has been properly licensed ~~registered~~ under s. 207.004. Whenever any law enforcement officer identified in s. 207.023(1), upon inspecting the vehicle or combination of vehicles, determines that the vehicle is in violation of s. 207.004, a penalty in the amount of \$50 shall be assessed, and the vehicle may be detained until payment is collected by the law enforcement officer.

(b) In addition to the penalty provided for in paragraph (a), the vehicle may be detained until the owner or operator of the vehicle furnishes evidence that the vehicle has been properly licensed ~~registered~~ pursuant to s. 207.004. Any officer of the Florida Highway Patrol or agent of the Department of Transportation may issue a temporary fuel-use ~~fuel-use~~ permit and collect the appropriate fee as provided for in s. 207.004(5) ~~s. 207.004(4)~~. Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (6), all permit fees collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be transferred to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to be allocated pursuant to s. 207.026.

Section 31. Subsection (24) of section 318.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318.18 Amount of penalties.—The penalties required for a noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows:

~~(24) In addition to any penalties imposed, a fine of \$200 for a first offense and a fine of \$500 for a second or subsequent offense for a violation of s. 316.293(5).~~

Section 32. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 324.171, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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324.171 Self-insurer.—

(1) Any person may qualify as a self-insurer by obtaining a certificate of self-insurance from the department which may, in its discretion and upon application of such a person, issue said certificate of self-insurance when such person has satisfied the requirements of this section to qualify as a self-insurer under this section:

(c) The owner of a qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle, as defined in s. 207.002 or a commercial motor vehicle as defined in s. 320.01, may qualify as a self-insurer subject to the standards provided for in subparagraph (b)2.

Section 33. Subsection (11) of section 403.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.061 Department; powers and duties.—The department shall have the power and the duty to control and prohibit pollution of air and water in accordance with the law and rules adopted and promulgated by it and, for this purpose, to:

(11) Establish ambient air quality and water quality standards for the state as a whole or for any part thereof, and also standards for the abatement of excessive and unnecessary noise. The department is authorized to establish reasonable zones of mixing for discharges into waters. For existing installations as defined by rule 62-520.200(10), Florida Administrative Code, effective July 12, 2009, zones of discharge to groundwater are authorized horizontally to a facility's or owner's property boundary and extending vertically to the base of a specifically designated aquifer or aquifers. Such zones of discharge may be modified in accordance with procedures specified in department rules. Exceedance of primary and

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secondary groundwater standards that occur within a zone of discharge does not create liability pursuant to this chapter or chapter 376 for site cleanup, and the exceedance of soil cleanup target levels is not a basis for enforcement or site cleanup.

(a) When a receiving body of water fails to meet a water quality standard for pollutants set forth in department rules, a steam electric generating plant discharge of pollutants that is existing or licensed under this chapter on July 1, 1984, may nevertheless be granted a mixing zone, provided that:

1. The standard would not be met in the water body in the absence of the discharge;

2. The discharge is in compliance with all applicable technology-based effluent limitations;

3. The discharge does not cause a measurable increase in the degree of noncompliance with the standard at the boundary of the mixing zone; and

4. The discharge otherwise complies with the mixing zone provisions specified in department rules.

(b) Mixing zones for point source discharges are not permitted in Outstanding Florida Waters except for:

1. Sources that have received permits from the department prior to April 1, 1982, or the date of designation, whichever is later;

2. Blowdown from new power plants certified pursuant to the Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act;

3. Discharges of water necessary for water management purposes which have been approved by the governing board of a water management district and, if required by law, by the secretary; and

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4. The discharge of demineralization concentrate which has been determined permittable under s. 403.0882 and which meets the specific provisions of s. 403.0882(4)(a) and (b), if the proposed discharge is clearly in the public interest.

(c) The department, by rule, shall establish water quality criteria for wetlands which criteria give appropriate recognition to the water quality of such wetlands in their natural state.

This act may not be construed to invalidate any existing department rule relating to mixing zones. ~~The department shall cooperate with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in the development of regulations required by s. 316.272(1).~~

The department shall implement such programs in conjunction with its other powers and duties and shall place special emphasis on reducing and eliminating contamination that presents a threat to humans, animals or plants, or to the environment.

Section 34. Subsection (9) of section 403.415, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.415 Motor vehicle noise.—

(9) OPERATING VEHICLE NOISE MEASUREMENTS. ~~The department shall establish, with the cooperation of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, measurement procedures for determining compliance of operating vehicles with the noise limits of s. 316.293(2).~~ The department shall advise the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles on technical aspects of motor vehicle noise enforcement regulations, assist



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in the training of enforcement officers, and administer a sound-level meter loan program for local enforcement agencies.

Section 35. Section 627.7415, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.7415 Commercial or qualified motor vehicles; additional liability insurance coverage.—Commercial motor vehicles, as defined in ~~s. 207.002~~ or s. 320.01 and qualified motor vehicles as defined in s. 207.002, operated upon the roads and highways of this state must ~~shall~~ be insured with the following minimum levels of combined bodily liability insurance and property damage liability insurance in addition to any other insurance requirements:

(1) Fifty thousand dollars per occurrence for a commercial motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 26,000 pounds or more, but less than 35,000 pounds.

(2) One hundred thousand dollars per occurrence for a commercial motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 35,000 pounds or more, but less than 44,000 pounds.

(3) Three hundred thousand dollars per occurrence for a commercial motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 44,000 pounds or more.

(4) All commercial motor vehicles and qualified motor vehicles subject to regulations of the United States Department of Transportation, 49 C.F.R. part 387, subparts A and B, and as may be hereinafter amended, must ~~shall~~ be insured in an amount equivalent to the minimum levels of financial responsibility as set forth in such regulations.

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1190 A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction,  
1191 punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

1192 Section 36. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.