

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Department of Transportation
3 contractor liability; providing that a contractor is
4 considered an agent of this state in certain
5 circumstances; requiring contract documents to
6 indemnify the department for liability caused by the
7 negligence of the contractor or its employees;
8 providing an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 337.195,**
13 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

14 337.195 Limits on liability.—

15 (6) For purposes of this section, a contractor is
16 considered an agent of this state while acting within the scope
17 of the contract documents. The contract documents must, to the
18 extent permitted by law, provide for the indemnification of the
19 department for any liability, including reasonable attorney
20 fees, incurred up to the limits set forth in this chapter to the
21 extent caused by the negligence of the contractor or its
22 employees.

23 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.