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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 for steady yellow signals at certain intersections by a specified amount of time; 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 the 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; providing a penalty; amending s. 316.183, F.S.; authorizing a county or municipality

26 to set a lower maximum speed limit under certain
27 conditions; amending s. 316.189, F.S.; authorizing a
28 county to set a lower maximum speed limit under
29 certain conditions; amending s. 316.1955, F.S.;
30 authorizing vehicles displaying disabled parking
31 permits to occupy more than one parking space under
32 specified conditions; prohibiting such vehicles from
33 being cited, penalized, or towed under specified
34 circumstances; providing requirements for property
35 owners and towing operators; providing construction;
36 amending s. 316.20655, F.S.; clarifying a provision;
37 repealing ss. 316.272 and 316.293, F.S., relating to
38 the prevention of noise from exhaust systems and motor
39 vehicle noise, respectively; amending s. 316.3045,
40 F.S.; requiring certain motor vehicles to be equipped
41 with and maintain an exhaust system to prevent
42 excessive or unusual noise; prohibiting such system
43 from allowing excessive or unusual noise that is
44 audible at a specified distance from the vehicle;
45 providing applicability; amending s. 319.1401, F.S.;
46 authorizing certain golf carts to be titled and
47 registered for operation on certain roads without an
48 inspection by the department and providing
49 requirements therefor; amending s. 320.262, F.S.;
50 providing that the use of a license plate frame or

51 decorative border device is not prohibited under
52 specified conditions; amending s. 322.032, F.S.;
53 defining the term "credentialholder"; providing
54 requirements for an electronic credentialing system;
55 providing exceptions to certain prohibitions;
56 providing for enforcement and penalties; amending s.
57 337.11, F.S.; authorizing the department to make
58 direct payments to certain subcontractors under
59 specified conditions; requiring the department to
60 adopt rules; amending s. 337.18, F.S.; providing
61 requirements for a takeover agreement; amending s.
62 339.85, F.S.; requiring the department to implement a
63 Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant
64 Program; providing program purpose; requiring the
65 department to implement a state-local partnership to
66 provide funding through a cost-sharing arrangement;
67 providing requirements for such arrangement;
68 authorizing the department to waive local match
69 requirements for certain intersections; requiring the
70 department to prioritize grant applications for
71 certain intersections and use competitive procurement
72 to identify certain vendors; providing program
73 requirements; requiring certain contracts to include a
74 specified provision; providing for an annual
75 appropriation; amending ss. 316.455, 403.061, and

76 403.415, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made
77 by the act; providing an effective date.

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

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81 **Section 1.** The Department of Transportation shall increase
82 the minimum perception-reaction time for each steady yellow
83 signal located at an intersection equipped with a traffic
84 infraction detector by 0.4 seconds.

85 **Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 311.10, Florida**
86 **Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 311.15, Florida**
87 **Statutes, and amended to read:**

88 311.15 Seaports; cargo facilities; reporting requirements
89 ~~311.10 Strategic Port Investment Initiative.—~~

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

91 (a) "Cargo purposes" means any facility, activity,
92 property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that is not
93 intended to facilitate the transport of passengers and includes,
94 but is not limited to, such facilities, activities, properties,
95 energy sources, or infrastructure assets that support spaceport
96 activities.

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

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

111 (3)-(4) As a condition of receiving a project grant under
112 any program established in this chapter and as a condition of
113 receiving state funds as described in s. 215.31, A seaport that
114 is located in a county in which real property is designated as
115 spaceport territory under s. 331.304 and that uses land,
116 facilities, or infrastructure for the purpose of supporting
117 spacecraft launch and recovery operations must, in any agreement
118 with the Department of Transportation, agree that the seaport
119 may not convert any planned or existing land, facility, or
120 infrastructure that supports cargo purposes to any alternative
121 purpose unless all of the following conditions are met:

122 (a) The governing board of the seaport must provide public
123 notice as provided in s. 50.011 at least 30 days before holding
124 a public meeting on the proposed conversion.

125 (b) Before approving the proposed conversion, the

126 governing board of the seaport must prepare or cause to be
127 prepared a report estimating the impact of the conversion on the
128 cargo operations of the seaport. The report must be prominently
129 posted on the seaport's website at least 30 days before holding
130 a public meeting on the proposed conversion.

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

136 (4) The Legislature must expressly approve ~~approves~~ the
137 use of state funds for any ~~a~~ project that includes the such a
138 conversion of any planned or existing land, facility, or
139 infrastructure that supports cargo purposes to any alternative
140 purpose, whether by a work program amendment or through the
141 General Appropriations Act. ~~As used in this subsection, the term~~
142 ~~"cargo purposes"~~ ~~includes, but is not limited to, any facility,~~
143 ~~activity, property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that~~
144 ~~supports spaceport activities.~~

145 **Section 3. Subsection (41) of section 316.003, Florida**
146 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

147 316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when
148 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively
149 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
150 otherwise requires:

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(41) MICROMOBILITY DEVICE.—A motorized transportation device designed for individual use which is typically 20 to 36 inches in width and 50 pounds or less in weight and which 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 4. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section 316.0777, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4), (5), and (6), respectively, and a new subsection (3) and subsection (7) are 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.

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

179 (c) Must contractually obligate any third party that
180 installs, maintains, or operates the system to protect the
181 images or data generated by the system from disclosure,
182 including a prohibition on sharing or selling such images or
183 data, except to the extent required to respond to a lawful
184 request from a law enforcement agency.

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

190 (7) An individual who uses or releases such information
191 for a purpose not specifically authorized by law commits a
192 noncriminal infraction, punishable by a fine not exceeding
193 \$2,000.

194 **Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 316.183, Florida**
195 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

196 316.183 Unlawful speed.—

197 (2) On all streets or highways, the maximum speed limits
198 for all vehicles must be 30 miles per hour in business or
199 residence districts, and 55 miles per hour at any time at all
200 other locations. However, with respect to a residence district,

201 a county or municipality may set a lower maximum speed limit ~~of~~
202 ~~20 or 25 miles per hour~~ on local streets and highways after an
203 investigation determines that such a limit is reasonable. It is
204 not necessary to conduct a separate investigation for each
205 residence district. The minimum speed limit on all highways that
206 comprise a part of the National System of Interstate and Defense
207 Highways and have not fewer than four lanes is 40 miles per
208 hour, except that when the posted speed limit is 70 miles per
209 hour, the minimum speed limit is 50 miles per hour.

210 **Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
211 316.189, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

212 316.189 Establishment of municipal and county speed
213 zones.—

214 (2) SPEED ON COUNTY ROADS.—The maximum speed on any
215 county-maintained road is:

216 (a) In any business or residence district, 30 miles per
217 hour in the daytime or nighttime; provided that with respect to
218 residence districts a county may set a lower maximum speed limit
219 ~~of 25 miles per hour~~ after an investigation determines that such
220 a limit is reasonable; and it shall not be necessary to conduct
221 a separate investigation in each residence district.

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223 However, the board of county commissioners may set speed zones
224 altering such speeds, both as to maximum and minimum, after
225 investigation determines such a change is reasonable and in

226 conformity to criteria promulgated by the Department of
227 Transportation, except that no such speed zone shall permit a
228 speed of more than 60 miles per hour.

229 **Section 7. Subsection (5) is added to section 316.1955,**
230 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

231 316.1955 Enforcement of parking requirements for persons
232 who have disabilities.—

233 (5) (a) A vehicle that displays a valid disabled parking
234 permit or a license plate issued under s. 316.1958 or s.
235 320.0848 and that is equipped with permanently installed
236 mobility access equipment, including, but not limited to,
237 wheelchair ramps or lifts, may occupy more than one parking
238 space when reasonably necessary to deploy such equipment safely,
239 provided that no designated accessible parking spaces are
240 available or sufficient to accommodate the vehicle's equipment.

241 (b) A vehicle described in paragraph (a) may not be cited,
242 penalized, or towed solely because the vehicle occupies more
243 than one parking space or exceeds standard parking dimensions,
244 if:

245 1. The vehicle displays a valid disabled parking permit or
246 plate.

247 2. The vehicle does not block vehicular traffic lanes,
248 emergency access routes, fire lanes, or pedestrian access paths.

249 3. The vehicle does not create a clear and immediate
250 safety hazard.

251 (c) Before towing a vehicle displaying a valid disabled
252 parking permit or plate, a public or private property owner or
253 towing operator must make reasonable efforts to determine
254 whether the vehicle qualifies for the protections of this
255 subsection, unless the vehicle presents an immediate threat to
256 public safety.

257 (d) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
258 permit parking in:

259 1. Fire lanes;
260 2. Emergency vehicle access areas;
261 3. Clearly posted no-parking zones; or
262 4. Any location where the vehicle poses an immediate risk
263 to public safety.

264 **Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 316.20655, Florida**
265 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

266 316.20655 Electric bicycle regulations.—

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

272 **Section 9. Sections 316.272 and 316.293, Florida Statutes,**
273 are repealed.

274 **Section 10. Subsections (2) through (5) of section**
275 **316.3045, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3)**

276 **through (6), respectively, and a new subsection (2) is added to**
277 **that section to read:**

278 316.3045 Operation of radios or other mechanical or
279 electronic soundmaking devices or instruments in vehicles;
280 exhaust systems; prevention of noise; exemptions.—

281 (2) Every motor vehicle that is required by federal law or
282 regulation to be equipped with an exhaust system shall at all
283 times be equipped with and maintain an exhaust system in good
284 working order including muffler, manifold pipe, and tailpiping
285 to prevent excessive or unusual noise. In no event shall an
286 exhaust system allow excessive or unusual noise at a level
287 plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet or more from the motor
288 vehicle. This subsection does not apply to a motorcycle or moped
289 that does not exceed United States Environmental Protection
290 Agency noise emissions standards in 40 C.F.R. s. 205.152.

291 **Section 11. Section 319.1401, Florida Statutes, is created**
292 **to read:**

293 319.1401 Titling and registering golf carts converted to
294 low-speed vehicles.—A golf cart converted to a low-speed vehicle
295 may be titled and registered for operation on certain roads
296 without an inspection by the department. The owner of the low-
297 speed vehicle shall affirm in writing that the vehicle complies
298 with the requirements of chapter 316 and shall be assigned an
299 identification number by the department. The identification
300 number shall be unique to the low-speed vehicle and used for the

301 issuance of a title and registration for the vehicle.

302 **Section 12. Subsection (5) is added to section 320.262,**

303 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

304 320.262 License plate obscuring device prohibited;
305 penalties.—

306 (5) The use of a license plate frame or decorative border
307 device is not an offense under this section, provided that the
308 device does not obscure the visibility of the following:

309 (a) The alphanumeric designation or license plate number.

310 (b) The registration decal or validation sticker located
311 in the upper right corner.

312 **Section 13. Section 322.032, Florida Statutes, is amended**
313 **to read:**

314 322.032 Digital proof of driver license or identification
315 card; electronic credential autonomy and verification
316 integrity.—

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

318 (a) "Credentialholder" means a person who is issued a
319 digital proof of driver license or identification card.

320 (b) "Digital proof of driver license" means an
321 electronic credential viewable on an electronic credentialing
322 system.

323 (c) "Digital proof of identification card" means an
324 electronic credential viewable on an electronic credentialing
325 system.

326 (d) "Electronic credentialing system" means a computer
327 system accessed using a computer, a cellular telephone, or any
328 other personal device which queries the department's driver
329 license and identification card records, displays or transmits
330 digital proofs of driver licenses and identification cards, and
331 verifies the authenticity of those electronic credentials.

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

335 (f) "Scanning" means obtaining data from a digital
336 proof of driver license or identification card in an electronic
337 format.

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

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

348 (c) In accordance with ISO 18013-5 and 18013-7, the
349 electronic credentialing system must:

350 1. Require the explicit consent of the credentialholder

351 before performing any communication.

352 2. Provide offline cryptographic verification mechanisms
353 that:

354 a. Do not require communication with the department.

355 b. Are fully auditable and interoperable with open
356 standards.

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

359 3. Adhere to data minimization principles, including
360 collecting only the minimum data strictly necessary to fulfill
361 the stated purpose of verification.

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

365 5. Implement measures to ensure that the electronic
366 credentials are updated as changes occur to the
367 credentialholder's record.

368 (d) The department must:

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

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

376 (e) Electronic credential verifiers must:

377 1. Perform full cryptographic validation of electronic
378 credential authenticity, integrity, and issuer attribution
379 without requiring online access to external systems, the
380 department's systems, or any state system.

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

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

385 (f) Electronic credentials must:

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

388 2. Contain clear metadata specifying cryptographic
389 material necessary for independent verification.

390 3. Be controlled by the credentialholder, who may choose
391 to disclose only the minimum information necessary for a
392 transaction.

393 4. Provide a credentialholder with the ability to audit
394 verification requests and control the sharing of electronic
395 credential attributes.

396 (3) (a) The digital proof of driver license or
397 identification card established by the department or by an
398 entity contracted by the department must be in such a format as
399 to allow verification of the authenticity of the digital proof
400 of driver license or identification card. The department may

401 adopt rules to ensure valid authentication of digital driver
402 licenses and identification cards.

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

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

415 (4) A person may not be issued a digital proof of driver
416 license or identification card until he or she satisfies all
417 requirements of this chapter for issuance of the respective
418 driver license or identification card and has been issued a
419 printed driver license or identification card. The electronic
420 credentialing system must, upon each presentation of a digital
421 driver license or identification card, display or transmit
422 current records for the driver license or identification card.
423 If a licensee's driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or
424 disqualified, or if his or her driver license is otherwise
425 canceled or expired, a digital proof of driver license may not

426 be issued; however, a digital proof of identification card may
427 be issued if the licensee is otherwise eligible for an
428 identification card under s. 322.051.

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

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

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

447 1. The credentialholder has provided clear and informed
448 consent.

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

451 (b) A credentialholder An individual may consent to allow
452 a private entity to collect and store personal information
453 obtained by scanning his or her digital proof of driver license
454 or identification card. However, the credentialholder individual
455 must be informed what information is collected and the purpose
456 or purposes for which the information will be used. If the
457 credentialholder individual does not want the private entity to
458 scan his or her digital proof of the credentialholder's
459 individual's driver license or identification card, the private
460 entity may manually collect personal information from the
461 credentialholder individual.

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

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

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

472 (9) ~~(8)~~ A person who:

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

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

479 **Section 14. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (11) of
480 section 337.11, Florida Statutes, to read:**

481 337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids;
482 emergency repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders;
483 combined design and construction contracts; progress payments;
484 records; requirements of vehicle registration.—

485 (11)

486 (d)1. The department may make direct payments to first-
487 tier subcontractors. The department shall adopt by rule
488 procedures to implement this subsection to establish the
489 conditions under which such payments may be made and shall
490 consider, at a minimum, whether:

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

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

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

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

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

503 **Section 15. Subsection (6) of section 337.18, Florida**
504 **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection**
505 **(6) is added to that section to read:**

506 337.18 Surety bonds for construction or maintenance
507 contracts; requirement with respect to contract award; bond
508 requirements; defaults; damage assessments.—

509 (6) If the department and the surety enter into a takeover
510 agreement, the agreement shall require the surety's completion
511 contractor to possess a certificate of qualification in the
512 respective work classes listed in the original contract bid
513 solicitation as provided in s. 337.14 and to follow the
514 department's procedures regarding the certification of
515 disbursement of payment to subcontractors.

516 **Section 16. Section 339.85, Florida Statutes, is amended**
517 **to read:**

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

520 339.85 Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant
521 Program.—

522 (1) The department shall implement a Next-generation
523 Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program. The purpose of the
524 program is to assist counties and municipalities in upgrading
525 eligible signalized intersections with artificial

526 intelligence/machine learning-enabled detection, controllers,
527 communications, and software that prioritizes modernization in
528 key corridors across this state.

529 (2) (a) The department shall implement a state-local
530 partnership under which the department, upon application for
531 grant funding from a county or municipality, may provide funding
532 through a cost-sharing arrangement as follows:

533 1. For the purchase and installation of AI/ML signal
534 technology to be used at first-year pilot corridors, the
535 department may fund up to 80 percent of eligible costs, with a
536 minimum 20-percent local contribution.

537 2. For enhancements or expansion of AI/ML signal
538 technology in subsequent years, the department may fund 50
539 percent of eligible costs.

540 (b) Ongoing maintenance and operation costs after signal
541 modernization shall be the responsibility of the local
542 government and the vendor.

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

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

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

549 (b) Improve surrogate safety measures, such as failures to
550 stop at red lights and hard-braking events, and support

551 emergency vehicle preemption.

552 (c) Provide transit signal priority and multimodal
553 benefits to pedestrians and cyclists.

554 (5) The department shall use competitive procurement as
555 provided in chapter 287 to identify one or more AI/ML signal
556 technology vendors that use state-of-the-art technology that
557 complies with leading cybersecurity standards, such as SOC 2 and
558 ISO 27001. The department shall prioritize systems with AI/ML
559 software that is hardware agnostic and capable of being deployed
560 on industry-standard computing devices or controllers from
561 multiple manufacturers. The program shall ensure, to the extent
562 practicable, that the system or service:

563 (a) Requires open, interoperable, and secure systems that
564 use nonproprietary data formats and protocols that enable
565 interoperability with other state, local, and public safety
566 systems.

567 (b) Provides the agency with unrestricted, real-time
568 access to all data created, received, or maintained by the
569 system.

570 (c) Allows for data migration to another system without
571 dependence on the original vendor's proprietary tools or
572 licensing restrictions.

573 (d) Avoids contract terms for exclusive maintenance,
574 support, or future enhancement services.

575 (6) As a condition of any grant awarded pursuant to this

576 section, any contract between a vendor and a local government
577 must include a provision requiring the vendor to provide, upon
578 notice of contract termination or expiration, all necessary
579 cooperation, technical documentation, and data exports required
580 to migrate services to a successor provider, if requested by the
581 local government. The vendor must provide a reasonable cost
582 range for these services to be included in the original
583 contract.

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

589 **Section 17. Subsection (6) of section 316.455, Florida**
590 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

591 316.455 Other equipment.—Every motorcycle and every motor-
592 driven cycle when operated upon a highway shall comply with the
593 requirements and limitations of:

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

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

599 **Section 18. Subsection (11) of section 403.061, Florida**
600 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

601 403.061 Department; powers and duties.—The department
602 shall have the power and the duty to control and prohibit
603 pollution of air and water in accordance with the law and rules
604 adopted and promulgated by it and, for this purpose, to:

605 (11) Establish ambient air quality and water quality
606 standards for the state as a whole or for any part thereof, and
607 also standards for the abatement of excessive and unnecessary
608 noise. The department is authorized to establish reasonable
609 zones of mixing for discharges into waters. For existing
610 installations as defined by rule 62-520.200(10), Florida
611 Administrative Code, effective July 12, 2009, zones of discharge
612 to groundwater are authorized horizontally to a facility's or
613 owner's property boundary and extending vertically to the base
614 of a specifically designated aquifer or aquifers. Such zones of
615 discharge may be modified in accordance with procedures
616 specified in department rules. Exceedance of primary and
617 secondary groundwater standards that occur within a zone of
618 discharge does not create liability pursuant to this chapter or
619 chapter 376 for site cleanup, and the exceedance of soil cleanup
620 target levels is not a basis for enforcement or site cleanup.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

650 (c) The department, by rule, shall establish water quality

651 criteria for wetlands which criteria give appropriate
652 recognition to the water quality of such wetlands in their
653 natural state.

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655 This act may not be construed to invalidate any existing
656 department rule relating to mixing zones. ~~The department shall~~
657 ~~cooperate with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor~~
658 ~~Vehicles in the development of regulations required by s.~~
659 ~~316.272(1).~~

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

665 **Section 19. Subsection (9) of section 403.415, Florida
666 Statutes, is amended to read:**

667 403.415 Motor vehicle noise.—

668 (9) OPERATING VEHICLE NOISE MEASUREMENTS.—~~The department~~
669 ~~shall establish, with the cooperation of the Department of~~
670 ~~Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, measurement procedures for~~
671 ~~determining compliance of operating vehicles with the noise~~
672 ~~limits of s. 316.293(2).~~ The department shall advise the
673 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles on technical
674 aspects of motor vehicle noise enforcement regulations, assist
675 in the training of enforcement officers, and administer a sound-

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676 level meter loan program for local enforcement agencies.

677 **Section 20.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.