

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 ss.  
62 316.455, 403.061, and 403.415, F.S.; conforming  
63 provisions to changes made by the act; providing an  
64 effective date.

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

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

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

75 311.15 Seaports; cargo facilities; reporting requirements

76 311.10 ~~Strategic Port Investment Initiative.~~—

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

78 (a) "Cargo purposes" means any facility, activity,  
79 property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that is not  
80 intended to facilitate the transport of passengers and includes,  
81 but is not limited to, such facilities, activities, properties,  
82 energy sources, or infrastructure assets that support spaceport  
83 activities.

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

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

98 (3)-(4) ~~As a condition of receiving a project grant under~~  
99 ~~any program established in this chapter and as a condition of~~  
100 ~~receiving state funds as described in s. 215.31, A seaport that~~

101 is located in a county in which real property is designated as  
102 spaceport territory under s. 331.304 and that uses land,  
103 facilities, or infrastructure for the purpose of supporting  
104 spacecraft launch and recovery operations ~~must, in any agreement~~  
105 ~~with the Department of Transportation, agree that the seaport~~  
106 may not convert any planned or existing land, facility, or  
107 infrastructure that supports cargo purposes to any alternative  
108 purpose unless all of the following conditions are met:

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

112 (b) Before approving the proposed conversion, the  
113 governing board of the seaport must prepare or cause to be  
114 prepared a report estimating the impact of the conversion on the  
115 cargo operations of the seaport. The report must be prominently  
116 posted on the seaport's website at least 30 days before holding  
117 a public meeting on the proposed conversion.

118 (c) The conversion must be is approved by a two-thirds  
119 vote of by the seaport's governing board of the seaport at a  
120 publicly noticed meeting as a separate line on the agenda and  
121 with a reasonable opportunity for public comment, and, if  
122 approved,

123 (4) The Legislature must expressly approve approves the  
124 use of state funds for any a project that includes the such a  
125 conversion of any planned or existing land, facility, or

126 infrastructure that supports cargo purposes to any alternative  
127 purpose, whether by a work program amendment or through the  
128 General Appropriations Act. As used in this subsection, the term  
129 "cargo purposes" includes, but is not limited to, any facility,  
130 activity, property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that  
131 supports spaceport activities.

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

134 316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when  
135 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively  
136 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context  
137 otherwise requires:

138 (41) MICROMOBILITY DEVICE.—A motorized transportation  
139 device designed for individual use which is typically 20 to 36  
140 inches in width and 50 pounds or less in weight and which  
141 operates at a speed of typically less than 15 miles per hour but  
142 no more than 28 miles per hour. This term includes devices both  
143 ~~a human-powered and a nonhuman-powered device such as an a~~  
144 ~~bicycle, electric bicycle and a~~ motorized scooter, ~~or any other~~  
145 ~~device that is owned by an individual or part of a shared fleet.~~

146 **Section 4. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section**  
147 **316.0777, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4),**  
148 **(5), and (6), respectively, and a new subsection (3) and**  
149 **subsection (7) are added to that section to read:**

150 316.0777 Automated license plate recognition systems;

151 installation within rights-of-way of State Highway System and on  
152 and within property owned or controlled by private entity;  
153 public records exemption.—

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

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

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

166 (c) Must contractually obligate any third party that  
167 installs, maintains, or operates the system to protect the  
168 images or data generated by the system from disclosure,  
169 including a prohibition on sharing or selling such images or  
170 data, except to the extent required to respond to a lawful  
171 request from a law enforcement agency.

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

176 system.

177 (7) An individual who uses or releases such information  
178 for a purpose not specifically authorized by law commits a  
179 noncriminal infraction, punishable by a fine not exceeding  
180 \$2,000.

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

183 316.183 Unlawful speed.—

184 (2) On all streets or highways, the maximum speed limits  
185 for all vehicles must be 30 miles per hour in business or  
186 residence districts, and 55 miles per hour at any time at all  
187 other locations. However, with respect to a residence district,  
188 a county or municipality may set a lower maximum speed limit of  
189 ~~20 or 25 miles per hour~~ on local streets and highways after an  
190 investigation determines that such a limit is reasonable. It is  
191 not necessary to conduct a separate investigation for each  
192 residence district. The minimum speed limit on all highways that  
193 comprise a part of the National System of Interstate and Defense  
194 Highways and have not fewer than four lanes is 40 miles per  
195 hour, except that when the posted speed limit is 70 miles per  
196 hour, the minimum speed limit is 50 miles per hour.

197 **Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
198 316.189, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

199 316.189 Establishment of municipal and county speed  
200 zones.—

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

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

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210 However, the board of county commissioners may set speed zones  
211 altering such speeds, both as to maximum and minimum, after  
212 investigation determines such a change is reasonable and in  
213 conformity to criteria promulgated by the Department of  
214 Transportation, except that no such speed zone shall permit a  
215 speed of more than 60 miles per hour.

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

218       316.1955 Enforcement of parking requirements for persons  
219 who have disabilities.—

220       (5) (a) A vehicle that displays a valid disabled parking  
221 permit or a license plate issued under s. 316.1958 or s.  
222 320.0848 and that is equipped with permanently installed  
223 mobility access equipment, including, but not limited to,  
224 wheelchair ramps or lifts, may occupy more than one parking  
225 space when reasonably necessary to deploy such equipment safely,

226 provided that no designated accessible parking spaces are  
227 available or sufficient to accommodate the vehicle's equipment.

228 (b) A vehicle described in paragraph (a) may not be cited,  
229 penalized, or towed solely because the vehicle occupies more  
230 than one parking space or exceeds standard parking dimensions,  
231 if:

232 1. The vehicle displays a valid disabled parking permit or  
233 plate.

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

236 3. The vehicle does not create a clear and immediate  
237 safety hazard.

238 (c) Before towing a vehicle displaying a valid disabled  
239 parking permit or plate, a public or private property owner or  
240 towing operator must make reasonable efforts to determine  
241 whether the vehicle qualifies for the protections of this  
242 subsection, unless the vehicle presents an immediate threat to  
243 public safety.

244 (d) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to  
245 permit parking in:

246 1. Fire lanes;  
247 2. Emergency vehicle access areas;  
248 3. Clearly posted no-parking zones; or  
249 4. Any location where the vehicle poses an immediate risk  
250 to public safety.

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

253       316.20655 Electric bicycle regulations.—

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

259       **Section 9. Sections 316.272 and 316.293, Florida Statutes,**  
260 are repealed.

261       **Section 10. Subsections (2) through (5) of section**  
262 **316.3045, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3)**  
263 **through (6), respectively, and a new subsection (2) is added to**  
264 **that section to read:**

265       316.3045 Operation of radios or other mechanical or  
266 electronic soundmaking devices or instruments in vehicles;  
267 exhaust systems; prevention of noise; exemptions.—

268       (2) Every motor vehicle that is required by federal law or  
269 regulation to be equipped with an exhaust system shall at all  
270 times be equipped with and maintain an exhaust system in good  
271 working order including muffler, manifold pipe, and tailpiping  
272 to prevent excessive or unusual noise. In no event shall an  
273 exhaust system allow excessive or unusual noise at a level  
274 plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet or more from the motor  
275 vehicle. This subsection does not apply to a motorcycle or moped

276 that does not exceed United States Environmental Protection  
277 Agency noise emissions standards in 40 C.F.R. s. 205.152.

278 **Section 11. Section 319.1401, Florida Statutes, is created**  
279 **to read:**

280 319.1401 Titling and registering golf carts converted to  
281 low-speed vehicles.—A golf cart converted to a low-speed vehicle  
282 may be titled and registered for operation on certain roads  
283 without an inspection by the department. The owner of the low-  
284 speed vehicle shall affirm in writing that the vehicle complies  
285 with the requirements of chapter 316 and shall be assigned an  
286 identification number by the department. The identification  
287 number shall be unique to the low-speed vehicle and used for the  
288 issuance of a title and registration for the vehicle.

289 **Section 12. Subsection (5) is added to section 320.262,**  
290 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

291 320.262 License plate obscuring device prohibited;  
292 penalties.—

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

296 (a) The alphanumeric designation or license plate number.  
297 (b) The registration decal or validation sticker located  
298 in the upper right corner.

299 **Section 13. Section 322.032, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
300 **to read:**

301        322.032 Digital proof of driver license or identification  
302        card; electronic credential autonomy and verification  
303        integrity.—

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

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

307        (b) ~~(a)~~ "Digital proof of driver license" means an  
308        electronic credential viewable on an electronic credentialing  
309        system.

310        (c) ~~(b)~~ "Digital proof of identification card" means an  
311        electronic credential viewable on an electronic credentialing  
312        system.

313        (d) ~~(c)~~ "Electronic credentialing system" means a computer  
314        system accessed using a computer, a cellular telephone, or any  
315        other personal device which queries the department's driver  
316        license and identification card records, displays or transmits  
317        digital proofs of driver licenses and identification cards, and  
318        verifies the authenticity of those electronic credentials.

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

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

325        (2) (a) The department shall establish a secure and uniform

326 system for issuing an optional digital proof of driver license  
327 or identification card. The department may contract with one or  
328 more private entities to develop an electronic credentialing  
329 system.

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

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

337 1. Require the explicit consent of the credentialholder  
338 before performing any communication.

339 2. Provide offline cryptographic verification mechanisms  
340 that:

341 a. Do not require communication with the department.

342 b. Are fully auditable and interoperable with open  
343 standards.

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

346 3. Adhere to data minimization principles, including  
347 collecting only the minimum data strictly necessary to fulfill  
348 the stated purpose of verification.

349 4. Release data only for a single, clearly defined, and  
350 limited purpose that is explicitly communicated to the

351 credentialholder.

352 5. Implement measures to ensure that the electronic  
353 credentials are updated as changes occur to the  
354 credentialholder's record.

355 (d) The department must:

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

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

363 (e) Electronic credential verifiers must:

364 1. Perform full cryptographic validation of electronic  
365 credential authenticity, integrity, and issuer attribution  
366 without requiring online access to external systems, the  
367 department's systems, or any state system.

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

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

372 (f) Electronic credentials must:

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

375 2. Contain clear metadata specifying cryptographic

376 material necessary for independent verification.

377 3. Be controlled by the credentialholder, who may choose  
378 to disclose only the minimum information necessary for a  
379 transaction.

380 4. Provide a credentialholder with the ability to audit  
381 verification requests and control the sharing of electronic  
382 credential attributes.

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

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

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

401 the electronic credentialing system.

402 (4) A person may not be issued a digital proof of driver  
403 license or identification card until he or she satisfies all  
404 requirements of this chapter for issuance of the respective  
405 driver license or identification card and has been issued a  
406 printed driver license or identification card. The electronic  
407 credentialing system must, upon each presentation of a digital  
408 driver license or identification card, display or transmit  
409 current records for the driver license or identification card.  
410 If a licensee's driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or  
411 disqualified, or if his or her driver license is otherwise  
412 canceled or expired, a digital proof of driver license may not  
413 be issued; however, a digital proof of identification card may  
414 be issued if the licensee is otherwise eligible for an  
415 identification card under s. 322.051.

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

422 (6) The department may enter into contracts with one or  
423 more private entities which authorize online data calls or  
424 offline data verification through the electronic credentialing  
425 system that queries the department's driver license and

426 identification card records, displays or transmits digital  
427 proofs of driver licenses or identification cards, or verifies  
428 the authenticity of such electronic credentials.

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

434 1. The credentialholder has provided clear and informed  
435 consent.

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

438 (b) A credentialholder ~~An individual~~ may consent to allow  
439 a private entity to collect and store personal information  
440 obtained by scanning his or her digital proof of driver license  
441 or identification card. However, the credentialholder ~~individual~~  
442 must be informed what information is collected and the purpose  
443 or purposes for which the information will be used. If the  
444 credentialholder ~~individual~~ does not want the private entity to  
445 scan his or her digital proof of the credentialholder's  
446 ~~individual's~~ driver license or identification card, the private  
447 entity may manually collect personal information from the  
448 credentialholder ~~individual~~.

449 (c) A private entity that violates this subsection is  
450 subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 per occurrence,

451 suspension of eligibility to participate in the electronic  
452 credentialing system, and public disclosure of the private  
453 entity's noncompliance.

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

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

459 (9)-(8) A person who:

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

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

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

468 337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids;  
469 emergency repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders;  
470 combined design and construction contracts; progress payments;  
471 records; requirements of vehicle registration.—

472 (11)

473 (d)1. The department may make direct payments to first-  
474 tier subcontractors. The department shall adopt by rule  
475 procedures to implement this subsection to establish the

476 conditions under which such payments may be made and shall  
477 consider, at a minimum, whether:

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

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

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

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

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

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

493 337.18 Surety bonds for construction or maintenance  
494 contracts; requirement with respect to contract award; bond  
495 requirements; defaults; damage assessments.—

496 (6) If the department and the surety enter into a takeover  
497 agreement, the agreement shall require the surety's completion  
498 contractor to possess a certificate of qualification in the  
499 respective work classes listed in the original contract bid  
500 solicitation as provided in s. 337.14 and to follow the

501 department's procedures regarding the certification of  
502 disbursement of payment to subcontractors.

503 **Section 16. Subsection (6) of section 316.455, Florida**  
504 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

505 316.455 Other equipment.—Every motorcycle and every motor-  
506 driven cycle when operated upon a highway shall comply with the  
507 requirements and limitations of:

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

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

513 **Section 17. Subsection (11) of section 403.061, Florida**  
514 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

515 403.061 Department; powers and duties.—The department  
516 shall have the power and the duty to control and prohibit  
517 pollution of air and water in accordance with the law and rules  
518 adopted and promulgated by it and, for this purpose, to:

519 (11) Establish ambient air quality and water quality  
520 standards for the state as a whole or for any part thereof, and  
521 also standards for the abatement of excessive and unnecessary  
522 noise. The department is authorized to establish reasonable  
523 zones of mixing for discharges into waters. For existing  
524 installations as defined by rule 62-520.200(10), Florida  
525 Administrative Code, effective July 12, 2009, zones of discharge

526 to groundwater are authorized horizontally to a facility's or  
527 owner's property boundary and extending vertically to the base  
528 of a specifically designated aquifer or aquifers. Such zones of  
529 discharge may be modified in accordance with procedures  
530 specified in department rules. Exceedance of primary and  
531 secondary groundwater standards that occur within a zone of  
532 discharge does not create liability pursuant to this chapter or  
533 chapter 376 for site cleanup, and the exceedance of soil cleanup  
534 target levels is not a basis for enforcement or site cleanup.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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569 This act may not be construed to invalidate any existing  
570 department rule relating to mixing zones. ~~The department shall~~  
571 ~~cooperate with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor~~  
572 ~~Vehicles in the development of regulations required by s.~~  
573 ~~316.272(1).~~

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575 The department shall implement such programs in conjunction with

576 its other powers and duties and shall place special emphasis on  
577 reducing and eliminating contamination that presents a threat to  
578 humans, animals or plants, or to the environment.

579 **Section 18. Subsection (9) of section 403.415, Florida  
580 Statutes, is amended to read:**

581 403.415 Motor vehicle noise.—

582 (9) OPERATING VEHICLE NOISE MEASUREMENTS.—~~The department~~  
583 shall establish, with the cooperation of the Department of  
584 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, measurement procedures for  
585 determining compliance of operating vehicles with the noise  
586 limits of s. 316.293(2). The department shall advise the  
587 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles on technical  
588 aspects of motor vehicle noise enforcement regulations, assist  
589 in the training of enforcement officers, and administer a sound-  
590 level meter loan program for local enforcement agencies.

591 **Section 19.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.