

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to transportation; requiring the
3 Department of Transportation to increase the minimum
4 perception-reaction time for steady yellow signals at
5 certain intersections by a specified amount of time;
6 transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 311.10(4),
7 F.S.; defining the terms "cargo purposes" and
8 "commercial space launch industry"; requiring certain
9 seaports to submit an annual report describing
10 measures taken to support the commercial space launch
11 industry to the chair of the Space Florida board of
12 directors beginning on a specified date; requiring the
13 seaport to post such report on its website;
14 prohibiting certain seaports from converting planned
15 or existing land, facilities, or infrastructure that
16 supports cargo purposes unless specified conditions
17 are met; requiring legislative approval for the use of
18 state funds for specified projects; amending s.
19 316.003, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
20 "micromobility device"; amending s. 316.0777, F.S.;
21 authorizing a private entity to install an automated
22 license plate recognition system for use on certain
23 property for a specified purpose and providing
24 requirements therefor; providing a penalty; amending
25 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

decorative border device is not prohibited under specified conditions; amending s. 322.032, F.S.; defining the term "credentialholder"; 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 to make direct payments to certain subcontractors under specified conditions; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 337.18, F.S.; providing requirements for a takeover agreement; amending ss. 316.455, 403.061, and 403.415, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Fire lanes;

2. Emergency vehicle access areas;

3. Clearly posted no-parking zones; or

4. Any location where the vehicle poses an immediate risk to public safety.

Section 8. 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 9. Sections 316.272 and 316.293, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

Section 10. Subsections (2) through (5) of section 316.3045, Florida Statutes, are renumbered 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 that is required by federal law or regulation to be equipped with an exhaust system shall at all times be equipped with and maintain 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 excessive or unusual noise at a level plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet or more from the motor 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

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 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

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,

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

337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids; emergency 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. The department shall adopt by rule 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

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

Section 16. 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 17. 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 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:

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

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

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