

1                               A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to transportation; amending s.  
3       207.001, F.S.; revising a short title; amending s.  
4       207.002, F.S.; providing and revising definitions;  
5       amending s. 207.004, F.S.; requiring licensing, rather  
6       than registration, of motor carriers; requiring fuel  
7       tax decals, rather than identifying devices, for motor  
8       carriers; requiring a copy of the license to be  
9       carried in each qualified motor vehicle or made  
10      available electronically; specifying how fuel tax  
11      decals are to be displayed on qualified motor  
12      vehicles; requiring the Department of Highway Safety  
13      and Motor Vehicles or its authorized agent to issue  
14      licenses and fuel tax decals; requiring fuel tax decal  
15      renewal orders to be submitted electronically  
16      beginning on a specified date; revising required  
17      contents of temporary fuel-use permits; removing  
18      provisions relating to driveaway permits; amending s.  
19      207.005, F.S.; revising reporting periods and due  
20      dates for motor fuel use tax returns; requiring such  
21      tax returns to be submitted electronically beginning  
22      on a specified date; amending s. 207.007, F.S.;  
23      revising requirements for calculation of interest due  
24      for delinquent tax; providing penalties for any person  
25      who counterfeits, alters, manufactures, or sells fuel

26        tax licenses, fuel tax decals, or temporary fuel-use  
27        permits except under certain circumstances; amending  
28        s. 207.019, F.S.; requiring motor carriers to destroy  
29        fuel tax decals under certain circumstances and notify  
30        the department; amending s. 316.065, F.S.; revising  
31        the apparent amount of property damage that requires  
32        the driver of a vehicle involved in a crash to notify  
33        law enforcement of the crash; amending s. 320.02,  
34        F.S.; providing an exemption from certain vehicle  
35        registration requirements for certain active duty  
36        military members; requiring applicants to provide  
37        proof of address; revising requirements for  
38        documenting an applicant's address and proof of legal  
39        presence; defining the term "REAL ID driver license or  
40        identification card"; removing certain requirements  
41        for business applicants; amending s. 320.95, F.S.;  
42        authorizing the department to use e-mail as a method  
43        of notification; amending s. 322.01, F.S.; revising  
44        the definition of the term "tank vehicle"; amending  
45        ss. 322.051 and 322.17, F.S.; requiring an e-mail  
46        address to be included on an identification card  
47        application and a request for a replacement driver  
48        license or instruction permit, respectively; amending  
49        s. 322.251, F.S.; authorizing orders of cancellation,  
50        suspension, revocation, or disqualification to be

provided by e-mail notification; amending ss. 120.80, 207.003, 207.008, 207.011, 207.013, 207.014, 207.023, 207.0281, 212.08, 316.545, 318.15, 319.35, 319.40, 320.03, 322.08, 322.18, 322.21, 322.245, 322.2615, 322.2616, 322.64, 324.091, 324.171, 328.30, 328.73, and 627.7415, 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. Section 207.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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

**Section 2. Section 207.002, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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

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

(2) "International Fuel Tax Agreement" means the reciprocal agreement among certain states of the United States, provinces of Canada, and other member jurisdictions which provides for the administration, collection, and enforcement of

76 taxes on the basis of fuel consumed or distance accrued, or  
77 both, in member jurisdictions.

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

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

89 ~~(3)-(5)~~ "Interstate" means vehicle movement between or  
90 through two or more member jurisdictions states.

91 ~~(4)-(6)~~ "Intrastate" means vehicle movement from one point  
92 within a member jurisdiction state to another point within the  
93 same member jurisdiction state.

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

96 ~~(6)-(7)~~ "Motor carrier" means any person owning,  
97 controlling, operating, or managing any motor vehicle used to  
98 transport persons or property over any public highway.

99 ~~(7)-(8)~~ "Motor fuel" means any fuel placed in the fuel  
100 supply storage unit of a qualified motor vehicle, including an

alternative fuel such as pure methanol, ethanol, or other  
alcohol; a blend of 85 percent or more alcohol with gasoline;  
natural gas and liquid fuel produced from natural gas; propane;  
coal-derived liquified fuel; hydrogen; electricity; pure  
biodiesel (B100) fuel, other than alcohol, derived from  
biological materials; P-series fuel; or any other type of fuel  
or energy used to propel a qualified motor vehicle ~~what is~~  
~~commonly known and sold as gasoline and fuels containing a~~  
~~mixture of gasoline and other products.~~

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

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

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

~~(11)(1)~~ "Qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle" means any  
vehicle not owned or operated by a governmental entity which  
uses ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel on the public highways, and which  
has two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross  
vehicle weight in excess of 26,000 pounds, or has three or more

axles regardless of weight, or is used in combination when the weight of such combination exceeds 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight. The term excludes any recreational vehicle or vehicle owned or operated by a community transportation coordinator as defined in s. 427.011 or by a private operator that provides public transit services under contract with such a provider.

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

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

**Section 3. Section 207.004, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

207.004 Licensing ~~registration~~ of motor carriers; fuel tax decals ~~identifying devices~~; fees; renewals; temporary fuel-use permits ~~and driveway permits~~.

(1) (a) A ~~no~~ motor carrier may not ~~shall~~ operate or cause to be operated in this state any qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle, other than a Florida-based qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle that travels Florida intrastate mileage only, which ~~that~~ uses ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel until such carrier is licensed ~~has registered with the department or has registered under the International Fuel Tax Agreement a cooperative reciprocal agreement as described in s. 207.0281, after such time as this~~

151 ~~state enters into such agreement,~~ and has been issued fuel tax  
152 decals ~~an identifying device~~ or such carrier has been issued a  
153 temporary fuel-use permit as authorized under subsection  
154 ~~subsections (4) and~~ (5) for each vehicle operated. The fee for  
155 each set of fuel tax decals is ~~There shall be a fee of~~ \$4 per  
156 year or any fraction thereof. A copy of the license must be  
157 carried in each vehicle or made available electronically. The  
158 fuel tax decal ~~for each such identifying device issued. The~~  
159 ~~identifying device shall be provided by the department and must~~  
160 be conspicuously displayed on the qualified commercial motor  
161 vehicle as prescribed by the instructions on the reverse side of  
162 the decal ~~department~~ while the vehicle ~~it~~ is being operated on  
163 the public highways of this state. The transfer of a fuel tax  
164 decal ~~an identifying device~~ from one vehicle to another vehicle  
165 or from one motor carrier to another motor carrier is  
166 prohibited. The department or its authorized agent shall issue  
167 the licenses and fuel tax decals.

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

172 (2) Fuel tax decals ~~Identifying devices~~ shall be issued  
173 each year for the period January 1 through December 31, or any  
174 portion thereof, if tax returns and tax payments, when  
175 applicable, have been submitted to the department for all prior

176 reporting periods. Fuel tax decals ~~Identifying devices~~ may be  
177 displayed for the next succeeding indicia period beginning  
178 December 1 of each year. Beginning October 1, 2026, except as  
179 otherwise authorized by the department, all fuel tax decal  
180 renewal orders must be submitted electronically through an  
181 online system prescribed by the department.

182 (3) If a motor carrier licensed in this state no longer  
183 operates or causes to be operated in this state any qualified a  
184 ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle, the fuel tax decal for each qualified  
185 motor vehicle that is no longer operated or caused to be  
186 operated by the motor carrier must ~~identifying device shall~~ be  
187 destroyed and the motor carrier to whom the fuel tax decal  
188 ~~device~~ was issued must ~~shall~~ notify the department immediately  
189 by letter of such removal and of the number of the fuel tax  
190 decal ~~identifying device~~ that was ~~has been~~ destroyed.

191 (4) A motor carrier, before operating a qualified  
192 ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle on the public highways of this state,  
193 must require each qualified motor vehicle to display a fuel tax  
194 decal ~~an identifying device~~ as required under subsections (1)  
195 and (2) or must obtain a temporary fuel-use permit for that  
196 vehicle as provided in subsection (5). ~~A temporary fuel-use~~  
197 ~~permit shall expire within 10 days after date of issuance. The~~  
198 ~~cost of a temporary fuel-use permit is \$45, and the permit~~  
199 ~~exempts the vehicle from the payment of the motor fuel or diesel~~  
200 ~~fuel tax imposed under this chapter during the term for which~~



201 ~~the permit is valid. However, the vehicle is not exempt from~~  
202 ~~paying the fuel tax at the pump.~~

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

207 (b) The fee for a temporary fuel-use permit is \$45. A  
208 temporary fuel-use permit expires 10 days after the date of  
209 issuance and exempts the vehicle from payment of the motor fuel  
210 tax imposed under this chapter during the period for which the  
211 permit is valid. However, this paragraph does not exempt the  
212 vehicle from payment at the pump of the fuel tax imposed under  
213 chapter 206.

214 (c) A ~~blank~~ temporary fuel-use permit, ~~before its use,~~  
215 ~~must be executed by the motor carrier, in ink or type, so as to~~  
216 identify the carrier, the vehicle to which the permit is  
217 assigned, and the permit's effective date and expiration date  
218 ~~that the vehicle is placed in and removed from service. The~~  
219 ~~temporary fuel-use permit shall also show a complete~~  
220 ~~identification of the vehicle on which the permit is to be used,~~  
221 ~~together with the name and address of the owner or lessee of the~~  
222 ~~vehicle. The endorsed temporary fuel-use permit~~ must ~~shall then~~  
223 be carried on the vehicle that it identifies and must ~~shall~~ be  
224 exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. Temporary fuel-  
225 use permits may be transmitted to the motor carrier by

226 | ~~electronic means and shall be completed as outlined by~~  
227 | ~~department personnel prior to transmittal.~~

228 |       (d) The motor carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit  
229 | is issued is ~~shall be~~ solely responsible for the proper use of  
230 | the permit by its employees, consignees, or lessees. Any  
231 | erasure, alteration, or unauthorized use of a temporary fuel-use  
232 | permit renders ~~shall render~~ it invalid and of no effect. A motor  
233 | carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit is issued may not  
234 | knowingly allow the permit to be used by any other person ~~or~~  
235 | organization.

236 |       ~~(b) An unregistered motor carrier may, upon payment of the~~  
237 | ~~\$45 fee, secure from any wire service authorized by the~~  
238 | ~~department, by electronic means, a temporary fuel-use permit~~  
239 | ~~that shall be valid for a period of 10 days. Such permit must~~  
240 | ~~show the name and address of the unregistered motor carrier to~~  
241 | ~~whom it is issued, the date the vehicle is placed in and removed~~  
242 | ~~from service, a complete identification of the vehicle on which~~  
243 | ~~the permit is to be used, and the name and address of the owner~~  
244 | ~~or lessee of the vehicle. The temporary fuel-use permit shall~~  
245 | ~~then be carried on the vehicle that it identifies and shall be~~  
246 | ~~exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. The~~  
247 | ~~unregistered motor carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit~~  
248 | ~~is issued shall be solely responsible for the proper use of the~~  
249 | ~~permit by its employees, consignees, or lessees. Any erasure,~~  
250 | ~~alteration, or unauthorized use of a temporary fuel-use permit~~

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

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

268 **Section 4. Section 207.005, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
269 **to read:**

270 207.005 Returns and payment of tax; delinquencies;  
271 calculation of fuel used during operations in this ~~the~~ state;  
272 credit; bond.—

273 (1) The taxes levied under this chapter are ~~shall be~~ due  
274 and payable on the first day of the month following the last  
275 month of the reporting period. The department may adopt

276 ~~promulgate~~ rules for requiring and establishing procedures for  
277 annual, semiannual, or quarterly filing. The reporting period is  
278 ~~shall be~~ the 12 months beginning January ~~July~~ 1 and ending  
279 December 31 ~~June 30~~. ~~It shall be the duty of~~ Each motor carrier  
280 licensed ~~registered~~ or required to be licensed ~~registered~~ under  
281 ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter must ~~to~~ submit a return by the  
282 following due dates, except that each due date is extended until  
283 the last day of the month of the due date, and, if the last day  
284 of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the  
285 due date is further extended until the next day that is not a  
286 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday ~~within 30 days after the due~~  
287 ~~date. The due date shall be as follows:~~

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

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

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

294 (2) The amount of fuel used in the propulsion of any  
295 qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle within this state may be  
296 calculated, if the motor carrier maintains adequate records, by  
297 applying total interstate vehicular consumption of all ~~diesel~~  
298 ~~fuel and~~ motor fuel used as related to total miles traveled and  
299 applying such rate to total miles traveled within this state. In  
300 the absence of adequate documentation by the motor carrier, the

301 department may adopt ~~is authorized to promulgate~~ rules  
302 converting miles driven to gallons used.

303 (3) For the purpose of computing the carrier's liability  
304 for the fuel ~~road privilege~~ tax, the total gallons of fuel used  
305 in the propulsion of any qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle in  
306 this state shall be multiplied by the rates provided in parts I-  
307 III of chapter 206. From the sum determined by this calculation,  
308 there shall be allowed a credit equal to the amount of the tax  
309 per gallon under parts I-III of chapter 206 for each gallon of  
310 fuel purchased in this state during the reporting period when  
311 the ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel tax was paid at the time of  
312 purchase. If the tax paid under parts I-III of chapter 206  
313 exceeds the total tax due under this chapter, the excess may be  
314 allowed as a credit against future tax payments, until the  
315 credit is fully offset or until eight calendar quarters shall  
316 have passed since the end of the calendar quarter in which the  
317 credit accrued, whichever occurs first. A refund may be made for  
318 this credit provided it exceeds \$10.

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

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

department.

**Section 5. Section 207.007, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

207.007 Offenses; penalties and interest.—

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

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

(3) Any person who:

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

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

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

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

~~commits is guilty of~~ a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. In addition, the department may revoke or suspend the licensure and registration privileges under ss. 207.004 and 320.02, respectively, of the violator. Each day or part thereof during which a person operates or causes to be operated a qualified commercial motor vehicle without being the holder of fuel tax decals ~~an identifying device~~ or having a valid temporary fuel-use ~~or driveaway~~ permit as required by this chapter constitutes a separate offense within the meaning of this section. In addition to the penalty imposed by this section, the defendant ~~is shall be~~ required to pay all taxes, interest, and penalties due to this ~~the~~ state.

**Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 207.019, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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

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

**Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 316.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

316.065 Crashes; reports; penalties.—

(1) The driver of a vehicle involved in a crash resulting



in injury to or death of any persons or damage to any vehicle or other property in an apparent amount of at least \$2,000 ~~\$500~~ shall immediately by the quickest means of communication give notice of the crash to the local police department, if such crash occurs within a municipality; otherwise, to the office of the county sheriff or the nearest office or station of the Florida Highway Patrol. A violation of this subsection is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

**Section 8. Subsection (2) and paragraph (e) of subsection (5) of section 320.02, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

320.02 Registration required; application for registration; forms.—

(2)(a) The application for registration must include the street address of the owner's permanent Florida residence or the address of his or her permanent place of business in Florida and be accompanied by personal or business identification information. If the vehicle is registered to an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who is a Florida resident, the active duty member is not required to provide the street address of a permanent Florida residence.

(b) An individual applicant must provide proof of address satisfactory to the department and:

1. A valid REAL ID driver license or identification card issued by this state or another state; or

426        2. A valid, unexpired United States passport; or  
427        3. A valid, unexpired passport issued by another country  
428        and an unexpired Form I-94 issued by the United States Bureau of  
429        Customs and Border Protection.

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431        For purposes of this paragraph, the term "REAL ID driver license  
432        or identification card" has the same meaning as provided in 6  
433        C.F.R. s. 37.3.

434        (c) A business applicant must provide a federal employer  
435        identification number, if applicable, or verification that the  
436        business is authorized to conduct business in this ~~the~~ state, or  
437        a Florida municipal or county business license or number.

438        ~~1. If the owner does not have a permanent residence or~~  
439        ~~permanent place of business or if the owner's permanent~~  
440        ~~residence or permanent place of business cannot be identified by~~  
441        ~~a street address, the application must include:~~

442        ~~a. If the vehicle is registered to a business, the name~~  
443        ~~and street address of the permanent residence of an owner of the~~  
444        ~~business, an officer of the corporation, or an employee who is~~  
445        ~~in a supervisory position.~~

446        ~~b. If the vehicle is registered to an individual, the name~~  
447        ~~and street address of the permanent residence of a close~~  
448        ~~relative or friend who is a resident of this state.~~

449        ~~2. If the vehicle is registered to an active duty member~~  
450        ~~of the Armed Forces of the United States who is a Florida~~

451 ~~resident, the active duty member is exempt from the requirement~~  
452 ~~to provide the street address of a permanent residence.~~

453 (d) ~~(b)~~ The department shall prescribe a form upon which  
454 motor vehicle owners may record odometer readings when  
455 registering their motor vehicles.

456 (5)

457 (e) Upon the expiration date noted in the cancellation  
458 notice that the department receives from the insurer, the  
459 department shall suspend the registration~~7~~ issued under this  
460 chapter or revoke the license issued under s. 207.004(1)~~7~~ of a  
461 motor carrier who operates a commercial motor vehicle or a  
462 qualified motor vehicle who permits it to be operated in this  
463 state during the registration period or licensure period without  
464 having in full force liability insurance, a surety bond, or a  
465 valid self-insurance certificate that complies with this  
466 section. The insurer shall provide notice to the department at  
467 the same time the cancellation notice is provided to the insured  
468 pursuant to s. 627.7281. The department may adopt rules  
469 regarding the electronic submission of the cancellation notice.

470 **Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 320.95, Florida**  
471 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

472 320.95 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

473 (2) The department may collect e-mail ~~electronic mail~~  
474 addresses and use e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ in lieu of the United  
475 States Postal Service as a method of notification ~~for the~~

~~purpose of providing renewal notices.~~

**Section 10. Subsection (44) of section 322.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

322.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

(44) "Tank vehicle" means a commercial motor vehicle that is designed to transport any liquid or gaseous material within one or more tanks that each have an individual rated capacity of more than 119 gallons and an aggregate rated capacity of 1,000 gallons or more and that are ~~a tank~~ either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or chassis. The term does not include a commercial motor vehicle transporting an empty storage tank that is not designed for transportation but that is temporarily attached to a flatbed trailer, ~~if such tank has a designed capacity of 1,000 gallons or more.~~

**Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 322.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

322.051 Identification cards.—

(1) Any person who is 5 years of age or older, or any person who has a disability, regardless of age, who applies for a disabled parking permit under s. 320.0848, may be issued an identification card by the department upon completion of an application and payment of an application fee.

(a) The application must include the following information regarding the applicant:

1. Full name (first, middle or maiden, and last), gender,

proof of social security card number satisfactory to the department, which may include a military identification card, county of residence, mailing address, e-mail address, proof of residential address satisfactory to the department, country of birth, and a brief description.

2. Proof of birth date satisfactory to the department.

3. Proof of identity satisfactory to the department. Such proof must include one of the following documents issued to the applicant:

a. A driver license record or identification card record from another jurisdiction that required the applicant to submit a document for identification which is substantially similar to a document required under sub-subparagraph b., sub-subparagraph c., sub-subparagraph d., sub-subparagraph e., sub-subparagraph f., sub-subparagraph g., or sub-subparagraph h.;

b. A certified copy of a United States birth certificate;

c. A valid, unexpired United States passport;

d. A naturalization certificate issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security;

e. A valid, unexpired alien registration receipt card (green card);

f. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the United States Department of State;

g. An unexpired employment authorization card issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security; or

526           h. Proof of nonimmigrant classification provided by the  
527 United States Department of Homeland Security, for an original  
528 identification card. In order to prove nonimmigrant  
529 classification, an applicant must provide at least one of the  
530 following documents. In addition, the department may require  
531 applicants to produce United States Department of Homeland  
532 Security documents for the sole purpose of establishing the  
533 maintenance of, or efforts to maintain, continuous lawful  
534 presence:

535           (I) A notice of hearing from an immigration court  
536 scheduling a hearing on any proceeding.

537           (II) A notice from the Board of Immigration Appeals  
538 acknowledging pendency of an appeal.

539           (III) A notice of the approval of an application for  
540 adjustment of status issued by the United States Citizenship and  
541 Immigration Services.

542           (IV) An official documentation confirming the filing of a  
543 petition for asylum or refugee status or any other relief issued  
544 by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

545           (V) A notice of action transferring any pending matter  
546 from another jurisdiction to Florida, issued by the United  
547 States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

548           (VI) An order of an immigration judge or immigration  
549 officer granting relief that authorizes the alien to live and  
550 work in the United States, including, but not limited to,

551 asylum.

552 (VII) Evidence that an application is pending for  
553 adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for  
554 permanent residence in the United States or conditional  
555 permanent resident status in the United States, if a visa number  
556 is available having a current priority date for processing by  
557 the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

558 (VIII) On or after January 1, 2010, an unexpired foreign  
559 passport with an unexpired United States Visa affixed,  
560 accompanied by an approved I-94, documenting the most recent  
561 admittance into the United States.

562  
563 An identification card issued based on documents required in  
564 sub-subparagraph g. or sub-subparagraph h. is valid for a period  
565 not to exceed the expiration date of the document presented or 1  
566 year, whichever occurs first.

567 **Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 322.17, Florida**  
568 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

569 322.17 Replacement licenses and permits.—

570 (1)(a) In the event that an instruction permit or driver  
571 license issued under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter is lost or  
572 destroyed, the person to whom the same was issued may, upon  
573 payment of the appropriate fee pursuant to s. 322.21, obtain a  
574 replacement upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the department  
575 that such permit or license has been lost or destroyed, and

576 further furnishing the full name, date of birth, sex, residence  
577 and mailing address, e-mail address, proof of birth satisfactory  
578 to the department, and proof of identity satisfactory to the  
579 department.

580 (b) In the event that an instruction permit or driver  
581 license issued under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter is stolen,  
582 the person to whom the same was issued may, at no charge, obtain  
583 a replacement upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the  
584 department that such permit or license was stolen and further  
585 furnishing the full name, date of birth, sex, residence and  
586 mailing address, e-mail address, proof of birth satisfactory to  
587 the department, and proof of identity satisfactory to the  
588 department.

589 **Section 13. Subsections (1), (2), (3), and (6) of section**  
590 **322.251, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

591 322.251 Notice of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or  
592 disqualification of license.—

593 (1) All orders of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or  
594 disqualification issued under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter,  
595 chapter 318, chapter 324, or ss. 627.732-627.734 must ~~shall~~ be  
596 given ~~either~~ by personal delivery ~~thereof~~ to the licensee whose  
597 license is being canceled, suspended, revoked, or disqualified;  
598 ~~or~~ by deposit in the United States mail in an envelope, first  
599 class, postage prepaid, addressed to the licensee at his or her  
600 last known mailing address furnished to the department; or by e-



601   mail notification if authorized by the licensee. Such methods of  
602   notification ~~mailing~~ by the department constitute notice  
603   ~~constitutes notification~~, and any failure by the person to  
604   receive the ~~mailed~~ order does ~~will~~ not affect or stay the  
605   effective date or term of the cancellation, suspension,  
606   revocation, or disqualification of the licensee's driving  
607   privilege.

608   (2) The giving of notice and an order of cancellation,  
609   suspension, revocation, or disqualification ~~by mail~~ is complete  
610   upon expiration of 20 days after e-mail notification or deposit  
611   in the United States mail for all notices except those issued  
612   under chapter 324 or ss. 627.732-627.734, which are complete 15  
613   days after e-mail notification or deposit in the United States  
614   mail. Proof of the giving of notice and an order of  
615   cancellation, suspension, revocation, or disqualification in  
616   such ~~either~~ manner must ~~shall~~ be made by entry in the records of  
617   the department that such notice was given. The entry is  
618   admissible in the courts of this state and constitutes  
619   sufficient proof that such notice was given.

620   (3) Whenever the driving privilege is suspended, revoked,  
621   or disqualified under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter, the period  
622   of such suspension, revocation, or disqualification must ~~shall~~  
623   be indicated on the order of suspension, revocation, or  
624   disqualification, and the department shall require the licensee  
625   whose driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or disqualified

626 to surrender all licenses then held by him or her to the  
627 department. However, if ~~should~~ the person fails ~~fail~~ to  
628 surrender such licenses, the suspension, revocation, or  
629 disqualification period does ~~shall~~ not expire until a period  
630 identical to the period for which the driving privilege was  
631 suspended, revoked, or disqualified has expired after the date  
632 of surrender of the licenses, or the date an affidavit swearing  
633 such licenses are lost has been filed with the department. In  
634 any instance where notice of the suspension, revocation, or  
635 disqualification order is given ~~mailed~~ as provided herein, and  
636 the license is not surrendered to the department, and such  
637 license thereafter expires, the department may ~~shall~~ not renew  
638 that license until a period of time identical to the period of  
639 such suspension, revocation, or disqualification imposed has  
640 expired.

641 (6) Whenever a cancellation, suspension, revocation, or  
642 disqualification occurs, the department shall enter the  
643 cancellation, suspension, revocation, or disqualification order  
644 on the licensee's driver file 20 days after e-mail notification  
645 or deposit ~~the notice was actually placed in the~~ United States  
646 mail. Any inquiry into the file after the 20-day period shall  
647 reveal that the license is canceled, suspended, revoked, or  
648 disqualified and whether the license has been received by the  
649 department.

650 **Section 14. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section**

**120.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

120.80 Exceptions and special requirements; agencies.—

(8) DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES.—

(a) Driver licenses.—

1. Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings regarding driver licensing pursuant to chapter 322 need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division.

2. Notwithstanding s. 120.60(5), cancellation, suspension, or revocation of a driver license shall be by personal delivery to the licensee or by first-class mail or e-mail as provided in s. 322.251.

**Section 15. Section 207.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

207.003 Privilege tax levied.—A tax for the privilege of operating any qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle upon the public highways of this state shall be levied upon every motor carrier at a rate which includes the minimum rates provided in parts I-III of chapter 206 on each gallon of ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel used for the propulsion of a qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle by such motor carrier within this ~~the~~ state.

**Section 16. Section 207.008, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

207.008 Retention of records by motor carrier.—Each licensed ~~registered~~ motor carrier shall maintain and keep pertinent records and papers as may be required by the

department for the reasonable administration of this chapter and shall preserve the records upon which each ~~quarterly~~ tax return is based for 4 years after ~~following~~ the due date or filing date of the return, whichever is later.

**Section 17. Subsection (3) of section 207.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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

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

**Section 18. Section 207.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

207.013 Suits for collection of unpaid taxes, penalties, and interest.—Upon demand of the department, the Department of Legal Affairs or the state attorney for a judicial circuit shall bring appropriate actions, in the name of the state or in the name of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in the capacity of its office, for the recovery of taxes, penalties, and interest due under this chapter; and judgment shall be rendered for the amount so found to be due together with costs. However, if it is ~~shall be~~ found as a fact that such

claim for, or grant of, an exemption or credit was willful on the part of any motor carrier, retail dealer, or distributor of ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel, judgment must ~~shall~~ be rendered for double the amount of the tax found to be due with costs. The department may employ an attorney at law to institute and prosecute proper proceedings to enforce payment of the taxes, penalties, and interest provided for by this chapter and may fix the compensation for the services of such attorney at law.

**Section 19. Subsection (3) of section 207.014, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

207.014 Departmental warrant for collection of unpaid taxes.—

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

**Section 20. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 207.023, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

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

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

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

**Section 21. Subsections (1) and (6) of section 207.0281, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

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

(1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

may enter into a cooperative reciprocal agreement, including, but not limited to, the International Fuel Tax ~~fuel-tax~~ Agreement, with another state or group of states for the administration of the tax imposed by this chapter. An agreement arrangement, declaration, or amendment is not effective until stated in writing and filed with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

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

**Section 22. Paragraph (aa) of subsection (7) of section 212.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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

(7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS.—Exemptions provided to any entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction that is otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is made by a representative or employee of the entity by any means, including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit card, even when that representative or employee is subsequently reimbursed

by the entity. In addition, exemptions provided to any entity by this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is otherwise taxable under this chapter unless the entity has obtained a sales tax exemption certificate from the department or the entity obtains or provides other documentation as required by the department. Eligible purchases or leases made with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this subsection and departmental rules, and any person who makes an exempt purchase with a certificate that is not in strict compliance with this subsection and the rules is liable for and shall pay the tax. The department may adopt rules to administer this subsection.

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

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

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

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

**Section 23. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (4) of section 316.545, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

316.545 Weight and load unlawful; special fuel and motor



fuel tax enforcement; inspection; penalty; review.—

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

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

**Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 318.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

318.15 Failure to comply with civil penalty or to appear; penalty.—

(1)(a) If a person fails to comply with the civil

penalties provided in s. 318.18 within the time period specified in s. 318.14(4), fails to enter into or comply with the terms of a penalty payment plan with the clerk of the court in accordance with ss. 318.14 and 28.246, fails to attend driver improvement school, or fails to appear at a scheduled hearing, the clerk of the court must notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles of such failure within 10 days after such failure. Upon receipt of such notice, the department must immediately issue an order suspending the driver license and privilege to drive of such person effective 20 days after the date the order of suspension is provided ~~mailed~~ in accordance with s. 322.251(1), (2), and (6). The order also must inform the person that he or she may contact the clerk of the court to establish a payment plan pursuant to s. 28.246(4) to make partial payments for court-related fines, fees, service charges, and court costs. Any such suspension of the driving privilege which has not been reinstated, including a similar suspension imposed outside of this state, must remain on the records of the department for a period of 7 years after ~~from~~ the date imposed and must be removed from the records after the expiration of 7 years after ~~from~~ the date it is imposed. The department may not accept the resubmission of such suspension.

**Section 25. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 319.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

319.35 Unlawful acts in connection with motor vehicle

odometer readings; penalties.—

(1)

(b) It is unlawful for any person to knowingly provide false information on the odometer readings required pursuant to ss. 319.23(3) and 320.02(2)(d) ~~320.02(2)(b)~~.

**Section 26. Subsection (3) of section 319.40, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

319.40 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

(3) The department may collect e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ addresses and use e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ in lieu of the United States Postal Service as a method of notification. However, any notice regarding the potential forfeiture or foreclosure of an interest in property must be sent via the United States Postal Service.

**Section 27. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 320.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors; International Registration Plan.—

(5)

(b) Upon a tax collector's request, the department may provide ancillary technology to integrate other tax collection systems used by tax collectors in order to provide tax collectors with data access and uniform interface functionalities for registration renewal transactions performed at a tax collector's office or online via a tax collector's

website. The department shall prescribe the best manner of delivering the data access and uniform interface functionalities to tax collectors for the purpose of processing registration renewal transactions and shall provide the ability to record and process registration renewal transactions in the state system in real time and bulk data reporting for vehicle registrations, including each applicant's e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ address collected pursuant to s. 320.95. Such data and functionality may be used only for purposes of fulfilling the tax collector's statutory duties pursuant to this chapter, chapter 319, chapter 322, or chapter 328 and may not be resold or used for any other purpose. Such data access and uniform interface functionalities shall be developed no later than July 1, 2023. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "registration renewal transactions" means issuance of motor vehicle, mobile home, and trailer registration certificates, registration license plates, and validation stickers.

**Section 28. Subsection (10) of section 322.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

322.08 Application for license; requirements for license and identification card forms.—

(10) The department may collect e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ addresses and use e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ in lieu of the United States Postal Service as a method of notification ~~for the purpose of providing renewal notices~~.

901       **Section 29. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section**  
902 **322.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

903       322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals;  
904 expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.—

905       (8) The department shall issue 8-year renewals using a  
906 convenience service without reexamination to drivers who have  
907 not attained 80 years of age. The department shall issue 6-year  
908 renewals using a convenience service when the applicant has  
909 satisfied the requirements of subsection (5).

910       (a) If the department determines from its records that the  
911 holder of a license about to expire is eligible for renewal, the  
912 department must ~~shall~~ mail a renewal notice to the licensee at  
913 his or her last known address or provide a renewal notice to the  
914 licensee by e-mail notification at least, ~~not less than~~ 30 days  
915 before ~~prior to~~ the licensee's birthday. The renewal notice must  
916 ~~shall~~ direct the licensee to appear at a driver license office  
917 for in-person renewal or to transmit the completed renewal  
918 notice and the fees required by s. 322.21 to the department  
919 using a convenience service.

920       **Section 30. Subsection (4) of section 322.21, Florida**  
921 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

922       322.21 License fees; procedure for handling and collecting  
923 fees.—

924       (4) If the department determines from its records or is  
925 otherwise satisfied that the holder of a license about to expire

is entitled to have it renewed, the department must ~~shall~~ mail a renewal notice to the licensee at his or her last known address or provide a renewal notice to the licensee by e-mail notification at least, ~~within~~ 30 days before the licensee's birthday. The licensee must ~~shall~~ be issued a renewal license, after reexamination, if required, during the 30 days immediately preceding his or her birthday upon presenting a renewal notice, his or her current license, and the fee for renewal to the department at any driver license examining office.

**Section 31. Subsection (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 322.245, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

322.245 Suspension of license upon failure of person charged with specified offense under chapter 316, chapter 320, or this chapter to comply with directives ordered by traffic court or upon failure to pay child support in non-IV-D cases as provided in chapter 61 or failure to pay any financial obligation in any other criminal case.—

(3) If the person fails to comply with the directives of the court within the 30-day period, or, in non-IV-D cases, fails to comply with the requirements of s. 61.13016 within the period specified in that statute, the depository or the clerk of the court must electronically notify the department of such failure within 10 days. Upon electronic receipt of the notice, the department shall immediately issue an order suspending the person's driver license and privilege to drive effective 20 days

951 after the date the order of suspension is provided ~~mailed~~ in  
952 accordance with s. 322.251(1), (2), and (6). The order of  
953 suspension must also contain information specifying that the  
954 person may contact the clerk of the court to establish a payment  
955 plan pursuant to s. 28.246(4) to make partial payments for  
956 fines, fees, service charges, and court costs.

957 (5) (a) When the department receives notice from a clerk of  
958 the court that a person licensed to operate a motor vehicle in  
959 this state under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter has failed to  
960 pay financial obligations for any criminal offense other than  
961 those specified in subsection (1), in full or in part under a  
962 payment plan pursuant to s. 28.246(4), the department must  
963 suspend the license of the person named in the notice. The  
964 department shall provide ~~mail~~ an order of suspension in  
965 accordance with s. 322.251(1), (2), and (6), which must also  
966 contain information specifying that the person may contact the  
967 clerk of the court to establish a payment plan pursuant to s.  
968 28.246(4) to make partial payments for fines, fees, service  
969 charges, and court costs.

970 **Section 32. Subsections (3) and (5) of section 322.2615,**  
971 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

972 322.2615 Suspension of license; right to review.—

973 (3) If the department determines that the license should  
974 be suspended pursuant to this section and if the notice of  
975 suspension has not already been served upon the person by a law

976 enforcement officer or correctional officer as provided in  
977 subsection (1), the department shall issue a notice of  
978 suspension and, unless the notice is provided ~~mailed~~ pursuant to  
979 s. 322.251, a temporary permit that expires 10 days after the  
980 date of issuance if the driver is otherwise eligible.

981 (5) After completion of the informal review, notice of the  
982 department's decision sustaining, amending, or invalidating the  
983 suspension of the driver license of the person whose license was  
984 suspended must be provided to such person. Such notice must be  
985 mailed to the person at the last known address shown on the  
986 department's records, mailed ~~or~~ to the address provided in the  
987 law enforcement officer's report if such address differs from  
988 the address of record, or e-mailed to the e-mail address  
989 furnished to the department within 21 days after the expiration  
990 of the temporary permit issued pursuant to subsection (1) or  
991 subsection (3).

992 **Section 33. Subsection (4) of section 322.2616, Florida**  
993 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

994 322.2616 Suspension of license; persons under 21 years of  
995 age; right to review.—

996 (4) If the department finds that the license of the person  
997 should be suspended under this section and if the notice of  
998 suspension has not already been served upon the person by a law  
999 enforcement officer or correctional officer as provided in  
1000 subsection (2), the department must ~~shall~~ issue a notice of



suspension and, unless the notice is provided ~~mailed~~ under s. 322.251, a temporary driving permit that expires 10 days after the date of issuance if the driver is otherwise eligible.

**Section 34. Subsection (3) of section 322.64, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

322.64 Holder of commercial driver license; persons operating a commercial motor vehicle; driving with unlawful blood-alcohol level; refusal to submit to breath, urine, or blood test.—

(3) If the department determines that the person arrested should be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle pursuant to this section and if the notice of disqualification has not already been served upon the person by a law enforcement officer or correctional officer as provided in subsection (1), the department must ~~shall~~ issue a notice of disqualification and, unless the notice is provided ~~mailed~~ pursuant to s. 322.251, a temporary permit which expires 10 days after the date of issuance if the driver is otherwise eligible.

**Section 35. Subsection (1) of section 324.091, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

324.091 Notice to department; notice to insurer.—

(1) Each owner and operator involved in a crash or conviction case within the purview of this chapter shall furnish evidence of automobile liability insurance or motor vehicle liability insurance within 14 days after the date of providing

1026 ~~the mailing of~~ notice of crash by the department in the form and  
1027 manner as it may designate. Upon receipt of evidence that an  
1028 automobile liability policy or motor vehicle liability policy  
1029 was in effect at the time of the crash or conviction case, the  
1030 department shall forward to the insurer such information for  
1031 verification in a method as determined by the department. The  
1032 insurer shall respond to the department within 20 days after the  
1033 notice whether or not such information is valid. If the  
1034 department determines that an automobile liability policy or  
1035 motor vehicle liability policy was not in effect and did not  
1036 provide coverage for both the owner and the operator, it must  
1037 ~~shall~~ take action as it is authorized to do under this chapter.

1038 **Section 36. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section**  
1039 **324.171, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1040 324.171 Self-insurer.—

1041 (1) Any person may qualify as a self-insurer by obtaining  
1042 a certificate of self-insurance from the department which may,  
1043 in its discretion and upon application of such a person, issue  
1044 said certificate of self-insurance when such person has  
1045 satisfied the requirements of this section to qualify as a self-  
1046 insurer under this section:

1047 (c) The owner of a commercial motor vehicle~~;~~ as defined in  
1048 ~~s. 207.002 or~~ s. 320.01 or a qualified motor vehicle as defined  
1049 in s. 207.002~~;~~ may qualify as a self-insurer subject to the  
1050 standards provided for in subparagraph (b)2.

1051       **Section 37. Subsection (3) of section 328.30, Florida**  
1052 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1053       328.30 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

1054       (3) The department may collect e-mail ~~electronic mail~~  
1055 addresses and use e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ in lieu of the United  
1056 States Postal Service as a method of notification ~~for the~~  
1057 ~~purpose of providing renewal notices.~~

1058       **Section 38. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section**  
1059 **328.73, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1060       328.73 Registration; duties of tax collectors.—

1061       (1)

1062       (b) Upon a tax collector's request, the department may  
1063 provide ancillary technology to integrate other tax collection  
1064 systems used by tax collectors in order to provide tax  
1065 collectors with data access and uniform interface  
1066 functionalities for registration renewal transactions performed  
1067 at a tax collector's office or online via a tax collector's  
1068 website. The department shall prescribe the best manner of  
1069 delivering the data access and uniform interface functionalities  
1070 to tax collectors for the purpose of processing registration  
1071 renewal transactions and shall provide the ability to record and  
1072 process registration renewal transactions in the state system in  
1073 real time and bulk data reporting for vessel registrations,  
1074 including each applicant's e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ address  
1075 collected pursuant to s. 328.30. Such data and functionality may

be used only for purposes of fulfilling the tax collector's statutory duties pursuant to this chapter, chapter 319, chapter 320, or chapter 322 and may not be resold or used for any other purpose. Such data access and uniform interface functionalities shall be developed no later than July 1, 2023. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "registration renewal transactions" means vessel registration certificates, vessel numbers, and decals.

**Section 39. Section 627.7415, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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

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

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

1101           (3) Three hundred thousand dollars per occurrence for a  
1102 commercial motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross  
1103 vehicle weight of 44,000 pounds or more.

1104           (4) All commercial motor vehicles and qualified motor  
1105 vehicles subject to regulations of the United States Department  
1106 of Transportation, 49 C.F.R. part 387, subparts A and B, and as  
1107 may be hereinafter amended, must ~~shall~~ be insured in an amount  
1108 equivalent to the minimum levels of financial responsibility as  
1109 set forth in such regulations.

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1111 A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction,  
1112 punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

1113           **Section 40.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2026.