

CS/HB 795 — Penalties for Violation of Traffic Laws

by Roads, Bridges, and Ports Policy Committee; Rep. Jones, and others (CS/CS/SB 1604 by Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee; Transportation Committee; and Senators Smith and Wilson)

This bill amends current law to clarify that non-criminal traffic fines may be paid in installments using the payment plan mechanism currently contained in Florida Statutes.

The bill also provides for additional categories of drivers to be added to a list of offenses for which a driver may provide “proof of compliance” to a clerk of court’s office and have adjudication withheld for the offense. The bill also provides that if a driver labeled a habitual traffic offender is able to resolve fines through this process, he or she may have the habitual traffic offender status removed. This option remains unavailable for criminal charges and driving-related infractions.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 117-0