THE FLORIDA SENATE 2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Transportation

CS/HB 77 — Diesel Exhaust Fluid

by Commerce Committee and Rep. Overdorf and others (CS/CS/SB 1082 by Appropriations Committee; Transportation Committee; and Senator Albritton)

The bill addresses safety issues associated with airport use of diesel exhaust fluid (DEF). The bill directs each public airport with specified uses of DEF to require a safety mitigation and exclusion plan for each fixed-base operator that performs onsite treatment of aviation fuel with a fuel system icing inhibitor and provides minimum requirements for the plan. By January 1, 2022, each airport must make the plan available for review during inspections by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The bill also requires the FDOT, by November 1, 2021, to convene a workgroup of public airport representatives to develop uniform industry standards based on a National Air Transportation Association best practice relating to the handling of DEF, and authorizes the FDOT to adopt rules to develop a uniform industry standards form for the required plans based on the workgroup recommendations.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2021. *Vote: Senate 40-0: House 114-0*

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