

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2026 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Transportation

SB 490 — Public Records/E-mail Addresses Collected by the Department of Highway Safety for Providing Renewal Notices

by Senator Massullo

This bill is linked to SB 488, relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV). SB 488 expands the circumstances in which e-mail may be used in lieu of the United States Postal Service by authorizing e-mail to be used as a method of notification for various notices and orders issued by the DHSMV in addition to renewal notices, including, but not limited to, notices related to driver licenses, identification cards, motor vehicle registrations, vessel registrations, and orders to revoke, cancel, or suspend driver licenses. This bill correspondingly expands the public records exemption for email addresses collected by the DHSMV to include email addresses to be used as a method of general notification to customers. The bill also creates a public record exemption for email addresses collected by the DHSMV and used for purposes of renewal notices for vessel titles and liens.

A public necessity statement is included in the bill as required by the Florida Constitution.

The bill is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and the exemptions will all be repealed on October 2, 2031, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on the same date that SB 488 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in this legislative session and becomes a law.

Vote: Senate 36-2; House 110-0