

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2026 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Transportation

CS/HB 35 — Habitual Traffic Offender Designation

by Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Barnaby (SB 1370 by Senator Martin)

The bill amends the definition of “habitual traffic offender” to add the offense of driving a motor vehicle without a valid license to the list of offenses for which a specified number of convictions within a five-year period requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to designate a person as a habitual traffic offender. Generally, once a person is designated as a habitual traffic offender, he or she can be prosecuted for a third-degree felony for subsequently driving a motor vehicle.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 99-15