

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Transportation

CS/HB 1589 — Driving Without a Valid Driver License

by Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Plakon (SB 1324 by Senator Ingoglia)

The bill establishes revised penalties related to the offense of driving without a valid driver license. Specifically, any person who drives any motor vehicle upon a highway in this state without a valid driver license commits:

- For a first offense, a misdemeanor of the second degree.
- For a second offense, a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- For a third or subsequent offense, a misdemeanor of the first degree and is subject to a minimum of 10 days in jail as ordered by the court.

This bill stipulates that the foregoing penalties do not apply to the operation of golf carts on roadways.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 36-2; House 83-31