By the Council for Ready Infrastructure and Representatives Russell, Lynn, Flanagan and Kendrick

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to unlawful activities involving driver's licenses and identification cards; amending s. 322.212, F.S.; prohibiting a person from knowingly selling, manufacturing, or delivering, or offering to sell, manufacture, or deliver, any blank, forged, stolen, fictitious, counterfeit, or unlawfully issued driver's license or identification card or any instrument in the similitude of such license or such card; authorizing investigations of violations of this section; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 322.212, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.212 Unauthorized possession of, and other unlawful acts in relation to, driver's license or identification card.--

- (1) It is unlawful for any person:
- (a) Knowingly to have in his or her possession or to display any blank, forged, stolen, fictitious, counterfeit, or unlawfully issued driver's license or identification card or any instrument in the similitude of a driver's license or identification card unless possession by such person has been duly authorized by the department;
- (b) Knowingly to have in his or her possession any instrument in the similitude of a driver's license issued by

the department or its duly authorized agents or those of any state or jurisdiction issuing licenses recognized in this state for the operation of a motor vehicle; or

- (c) Knowingly to have in his or her possession any instrument in the similitude of an identification card issued by the department or its duly authorized agents or those of any state or jurisdiction issuing identification cards recognized in this state for the purpose of indicating a person's true name and age; or.
- knowingly to sell, manufacture, or deliver, or knowingly to offer to sell, manufacture, or deliver, any blank, forged, stolen, fictitious, counterfeit, or unlawfully issued driver's license or identification card or any instrument in the similitude of a driver's license or identification card unless such person has been duly authorized by the department. Violations of this paragraph may be investigated by law enforcement, including the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco.

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The term "driver's license" includes a driver's license issued by the department or its agents or a driver's license issued by any state or jurisdiction that issues licenses recognized in this state for the operation of a motor vehicle. The term "identification card" includes any identification card issued by the department or its agents or any identification card issued by any state or jurisdiction that issues identification cards recognized in this state for the purpose of indicating a person's true name and age. This subsection does not prohibit a person from possessing or displaying another person's driver's license or identification card for a lawful purpose.

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(6) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, any person who violates paragraph (5)(a) by giving a false age in any application for a driver's license or identification card or who violates paragraph (5)(b) by possessing a driver's license, identification card, or any instrument in the similitude thereof, on which the date of birth has been altered is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

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