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                        A bill to be entitled
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           An act relating to motorized scooters; amending
           s. 316.003, F.S.; redefining the term "bicycle"
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           to include a motorized foot scooter and the
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           term "moped" to include a motorized scooter for
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           purposes of the Uniform Traffic Control Law;
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           amending s. 322.01, F.S.; excluding a motorized
           foot scooter from the definition of the term
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           "motor vehicle"; reenacting ss. 320.08 and
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           320.0801(1), F.S., relating to license taxes
           for certain motorized vehicles and additional
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           license taxes on mopeds, to incorporate the
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           amendments made to s. 316.003, F.S., in
           references thereto; providing an effective
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   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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           Section 1. Subsections (2) and (77) of section
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    316.003, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
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           316.003 Definitions.--The following words and phrases,
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   when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings
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   respectively ascribed to them in this section, except where
    the context otherwise requires:
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           (2) BICYCLE.--Every vehicle propelled solely by human
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   power, and every motorized bicycle propelled by a combination
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    of human power and an electric helper motor capable of
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   propelling the vehicle at a speed of not more than 20 miles
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   per hour on level ground upon which any person may ride,
   having two tandem wheels, and including any device generally
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   recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or two
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1 rear wheels. The term includes a motorized foot scooter, which 2 is a vehicle powered by an electric motor or an internal combustion engine that is capable of powering the vehicle with 3 4 or without human power and has wheels that are no more than 10 5 inches in diameter or an engine that is capable of a maximum 6 speed of no more than 15 miles per hour. The term does not 7 include such a vehicle with a seat height of no more than 25 8 inches from the ground when the seat is adjusted to its 9 highest position or a scooter or similar device. No person under the age of 16 may operate or ride upon a motorized 10 11 bicycle. 12 (77) MOPED. -- Any vehicle with pedals to permit 13 propulsion by human power, having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three 14 wheels; with a motor rated not in excess of 2 brake horsepower 15 and not capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed greater 16 17 than 30 miles per hour on level ground; and with a power-drive system that functions directly or automatically without 18 clutching or shifting gears by the operator after the drive 19 system is engaged. If an internal combustion engine is used, 20 21 the displacement may not exceed 50 cubic centimeters. The term 22 includes the two-wheeled vehicle known as a motorized scooter. 23 Section 2. Subsection (26) of section 322.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 2.4 322.01 Definitions.--As used in this chapter: 25 (26) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle, 26 27 including a motor vehicle combination, not operated upon rails 2.8 or guideway, excluding vehicles moved solely by human power, motorized wheelchairs, motorized foot scooters, and motorized 29 30 bicycles as defined in s. 316.003. 31

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Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments made by this act to section 316.003, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, section 320.08, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read: 320.08 License taxes.--Except as otherwise provided herein, there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes for the operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, motorized bicycles as defined in s. 316.003(2), and mobile homes, as defined in s. 320.01, which shall be paid to and collected by the department or its agent upon the registration or renewal of registration of the following: (1) MOTORCYCLES and MOPEDS.--(a) Any motorcycle: \$10 flat. (b) Any moped: \$5 flat. (c) Upon registration of any motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped there shall be paid in addition to the license taxes specified in this subsection a nonrefundable motorcycle safety education fee in the amount of \$2.50. The proceeds of such additional fee shall be deposited in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and be used exclusively to fund a motorcycle driver improvement program implemented pursuant to s. 322.025 or the Florida Motorcycle Safety Education Program established in s. 322.0255. (d) An ancient or antique motorcycle: \$10 flat. (2) AUTOMOBILES FOR PRIVATE USE. --(a) An ancient or antique automobile, as defined in s. 320.086, or a street rod, as defined in s. 320.0863: \$7.50 flat. (b) Net weight of less than 2,500 pounds: \$14.50 flat.

30 (c) Net weight of 2,500 pounds or more, but less than
31 3,500 pounds: \$22.50 flat.

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1 (d) Net weight of 3,500 pounds or more: \$32.50 flat. 2 (3) TRUCKS.--(a) Net weight of less than 2,000 pounds: \$14.50 flat. 3 (b) Net weight of 2,000 pounds or more, but not more 4 than 3,000 pounds: \$22.50 flat. 5 б (c) Net weight more than 3,000 pounds, but not more 7 than 5,000 pounds: \$32.50 flat. 8 (d) A truck defined as a "goat," or any other vehicle when used in the field by a farmer or in the woods for the 9 purpose of harvesting a crop, including naval stores, during 10 such harvesting operations, and which is not principally 11 12 operated upon the roads of the state: \$7.50 flat. A "goat" is 13 a motor vehicle designed, constructed, and used principally for the transportation of citrus fruit within citrus groves or 14 for the transportation of crops on farms, and which can also 15 be used for the hauling of associated equipment or supplies, 16 17 including required sanitary equipment, and the towing of farm 18 trailers. (e) An ancient or antique truck, as defined in s. 19 320.086: \$7.50 flat. 20 21 (4) HEAVY TRUCKS, TRUCK TRACTORS, FEES ACCORDING TO 22 GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT. --(a) Gross vehicle weight of 5,001 pounds or more, but 23 less than 6,000 pounds: \$45 flat. 2.4 (b) Gross vehicle weight of 6,000 pounds or more, but 25 less than 8,000 pounds: \$65 flat. 26 27 (c) Gross vehicle weight of 8,000 pounds or more, but 2.8 less than 10,000 pounds: \$76 flat. (d) Gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or more, but 29 less than 15,000 pounds: \$87 flat. 30 31

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(e) Gross vehicle weight of 15,000 pounds or more, but 1 2 less than 20,000 pounds: \$131 flat. (f) Gross vehicle weight of 20,000 pounds or more, but 3 less than 26,001 pounds: \$186 flat. 4 5 (g) Gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more, but 6 less than 35,000: \$240 flat. 7 (h) Gross vehicle weight of 35,000 pounds or more, but less than 44,000 pounds: \$300 flat. 8 (i) Gross vehicle weight of 44,000 pounds or more, but 9 less than 55,000 pounds: \$572 flat. 10 (j) Gross vehicle weight of 55,000 pounds or more, but 11 12 less than 62,000 pounds: \$678 flat. (k) Gross vehicle weight of 62,000 pounds or more, but 13 less than 72,000 pounds: \$800 flat. 14 (1) Gross vehicle weight of 72,000 pounds or more: 15 \$979 flat. 16 17 (m) Notwithstanding the declared gross vehicle weight, a truck tractor used within a 150-mile radius of its home 18 address shall be eligible for a license plate for a fee of 19 \$240 flat if: 20 21 1. The truck tractor is used exclusively for hauling 22 forestry products; or 23 2. The truck tractor is used primarily for the hauling of forestry products, and is also used for the hauling of 2.4 associated forestry harvesting equipment used by the owner of 25 the truck tractor. 26 27 (n) A truck tractor or heavy truck, not operated as a 2.8 for-hire vehicle, which is engaged exclusively in transporting raw, unprocessed, and nonmanufactured agricultural or 29 horticultural products within a 150-mile radius of its home 30 address, shall be eligible for a restricted license plate for 31 5

a fee of \$65 flat, if such vehicle's declared gross vehicle 1 2 weight is less than 44,000 pounds; or \$240 flat, if such vehicle's declared gross vehicle weight is 44,000 pounds or 3 more and such vehicle only transports: 4 1. From the point of production to the point of 5 6 primary manufacture; 7 2. From the point of production to the point of 8 assembling the same; or 3. From the point of production to a shipping point of 9 either a rail, water, or motor transportation company. 10 11 12 Such not-for-hire truck tractors and heavy trucks used 13 exclusively in transporting raw, unprocessed, and nonmanufactured agricultural or horticultural products may be 14 incidentally used to haul farm implements and fertilizers when 15 delivered direct to the growers. The department may require 16 17 any such documentation deemed necessary to determine eligibility prior to issuance of this license plate. For the 18 purpose of this paragraph, "not-for-hire" means the owner of 19 the motor vehicle must also be the owner of the raw, 20 21 unprocessed, and nonmanufactured agricultural or horticultural 22 product, or the user of the farm implements and fertilizer 23 being delivered. (5) SEMITRAILERS, FEES ACCORDING TO GROSS VEHICLE 2.4 WEIGHT; SCHOOL BUSES; SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES.--25 (a)1. A semitrailer drawn by a GVW truck tractor by 26 27 means of a fifth-wheel arrangement: \$10 flat per registration 2.8 year or any part thereof. 2. A semitrailer drawn by a GVW truck tractor by means 29 30 of a fifth-wheel arrangement: \$50 flat per permanent registration. 31

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1	(b) A motor vehicle equipped with machinery and
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3	excavation, construction, spraying, or similar activity, and
4	which is not designed or used to transport loads other than
5	the machinery described above over public roads: \$32.50 flat.
б	(c) A school bus used exclusively to transport pupils
7	to and from school or school or church activities or functions
8	within their own county: \$30 flat.
9	(d) A wrecker, as defined in s. 320.01(40), which is
10	used to tow a vessel as defined in s. 327.02(36), a disabled,
11	abandoned, stolen-recovered, or impounded motor vehicle as
12	defined in s. 320.01(38), or a replacement motor vehicle as
13	defined in s. 320.01(39): \$30 flat.
14	(e) A wrecker, as defined in s. 320.01(40), which is
15	used to tow any motor vehicle, regardless of whether or not
16	such motor vehicle is a disabled motor vehicle as defined in
17	s. 320.01(38), a replacement motor vehicle as defined in s.
18	320.01(39), a vessel as defined in s. 327.02(36), or any other
19	cargo, as follows:
20	1. Gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or more, but
21	less than 15,000 pounds: \$87 flat.
22	2. Gross vehicle weight of 15,000 pounds or more, but
23	less than 20,000 pounds: \$131 flat.
24	3. Gross vehicle weight of 20,000 pounds or more, but
25	less than 26,000 pounds: \$186 flat.
26	4. Gross vehicle weight of 26,000 pounds or more, but
27	less than 35,000 pounds: \$240 flat.
28	5. Gross vehicle weight of 35,000 pounds or more, but
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30	6. Gross vehicle weight of 44,000 pounds or more, but
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7. Gross vehicle weight of 55,000 pounds or more, but 1 less than 62,000 pounds: \$678 flat. 2 8. Gross vehicle weight of 62,000 pounds or more, but 3 less than 72,000 pounds: \$800 flat. 4 9. Gross vehicle weight of 72,000 pounds or more: 5 6 \$979 flat. 7 (f) A hearse or ambulance: \$30 flat. (6) MOTOR VEHICLES FOR HIRE.--8 (a) Under nine passengers: \$12.50 flat plus \$1 per 9 10 cwt. (b) Nine passengers and over: \$12.50 flat plus \$1.50 11 12 per cwt. (7) TRAILERS FOR PRIVATE USE.--13 (a) Any trailer weighing 500 pounds or less: \$5 flat 14 per year or any part thereof. 15 (b) Net weight over 500 pounds: \$2.50 flat plus 75 16 17 cents per cwt. (8) TRAILERS FOR HIRE.--18 (a) Net weight under 2,000 pounds: \$2.50 flat plus \$1 19 per cwt. 20 21 (b) Net weight 2,000 pounds or more: \$10 flat plus \$1 22 per cwt. (9) RECREATIONAL VEHICLE-TYPE UNITS.--23 (a) A travel trailer or fifth-wheel trailer, as 2.4 defined by s. 320.01(1)(b), that does not exceed 35 feet in 25 length: \$20 flat. 26 27 (b) A camping trailer, as defined by s. 2.8 320.01(1)(b)2.: \$10 flat. (c) A motor home, as defined by s. 320.01(1)(b)4.: 29 1. Net weight of less than 4,500 pounds: \$20 flat. 30 2. Net weight of 4,500 pounds or more: \$35 flat. 31

(d) A truck camper as defined by s. 320.01(1)(b)3.: 1 2 1. Net weight of less than 4,500 pounds: \$20 flat. 2. Net weight of 4,500 pounds or more: \$35 flat. 3 (e) A private motor coach as defined by s. 4 5 320.01(1)(b)5.: б 1. Net weight of less than 4,500 pounds: \$20 flat. 7 2. Net weight of 4,500 pounds or more: \$35 flat. (10) PARK TRAILERS; TRAVEL TRAILERS; FIFTH-WHEEL 8 TRAILERS; 35 FEET TO 40 FEET.--9 10 (a) Park trailers.--Any park trailer, as defined in s. 320.01(1)(b)7.: \$25 flat. 11 12 (b) A travel trailer or fifth-wheel trailer, as 13 defined in s. 320.01(1)(b), that exceeds 35 feet: \$25 flat. (11) MOBILE HOMES.--14 (a) A mobile home not exceeding 35 feet in length: \$20 15 16 flat. 17 (b) A mobile home over 35 feet in length, but not exceeding 40 feet: \$25 flat. 18 (c) A mobile home over 40 feet in length, but not 19 exceeding 45 feet: \$30 flat. 20 21 (d) A mobile home over 45 feet in length, but not 22 exceeding 50 feet: \$35 flat. 23 (e) A mobile home over 50 feet in length, but not exceeding 55 feet: \$40 flat. 2.4 (f) A mobile home over 55 feet in length, but not 25 exceeding 60 feet: \$45 flat. 26 27 (q) A mobile home over 60 feet in length, but not 2.8 exceeding 65 feet: \$50 flat. (h) A mobile home over 65 feet in length: \$80 flat. 29 (12) DEALER AND MANUFACTURER LICENSE PLATES.--A 30 franchised motor vehicle dealer, independent motor vehicle 31 9

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1 dealer, marine boat trailer dealer, or mobile home dealer and manufacturer license plate: \$12.50 flat. 2 (13) EXEMPT OR OFFICIAL LICENSE PLATES. -- Any exempt or 3 official license plate: \$3 flat. 4 5 (14) LOCALLY OPERATED MOTOR VEHICLES FOR HIRE. -- A б motor vehicle for hire operated wholly within a city or within 7 25 miles thereof: \$12.50 flat plus \$1.50 per cwt. 8 (15) TRANSPORTER. -- Any transporter license plate issued to a transporter pursuant to s. 320.133: \$75 flat. 9 10 Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments made by this act to section 316.003, Florida 11 12 Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 13 320.0801, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read: 320.0801 Additional license tax on certain vehicles.--14 (1) In addition to the license taxes specified in s. 15 320.08 and in subsection (2), there is hereby levied and 16 17 imposed an annual license tax of 10 cents for the operation of a motor vehicle, as defined in s. 320.01, and moped, as 18 defined in s. 316.003(77), which tax shall be paid to the 19 department or its agent upon the registration or renewal of 20 21 registration of the vehicle. Notwithstanding the provisions of 22 s. 320.20, revenues collected from the tax imposed in this 23 subsection shall be deposited in the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund and used solely for the purpose of 2.4 carrying out the provisions of ss. 395.401, 395.4015, 395.404, 25 and 395.4045 and s. 11, chapter 87-399, Laws of Florida. 26 27 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006. 28 29 30 31

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<pre>scooter" and the term "moped" to include a "motorized scooter" for the purposes of the Uniform Traffic Control Law. Provides that a motorized foot scooter is excluded from the definition of the term "motor vehicle." 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 </pre>	2	SENATE SUMMARY
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