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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Department of Highway
3	Safety and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 207.008,
4	F.S.; requiring that a motor carrier maintain
5	certain tax records for a specified period;
6	amending s. 207.021, F.S.; authorizing the
7	department to adopt rules to resolve disputes
8	with motor carriers involving taxes, penalties,
9	interest, or refunds; providing for an
10	agreement with the department settling or
11	compromising a taxpayer's liability for any
12	tax, interest, or penalty; authorizing
13	agreements for scheduling payments of taxes,
14	penalties, or interest; amending s. 316.211,
15	F.S.; requiring a unique license plate for a
16	motorcycle registered to a person younger than
17	a specified age; amending s. 316.221, F.S.;
18	exempting dump trucks and similar vehicles from
19	the requirement that the rear registration
20	plate be illuminated; amending s. 319.14, F.S.,
21	relating to the sale of certain motor vehicles;
22	revising a requirement that the department
23	indicate on the vehicle title the prior use of
24	the vehicle; redefining the term "police
25	vehicle" for purposes of provisions governing
26	the resale or exchange of such a vehicle;
27	amending s. 320.02, F.S.; requiring proof of an
28	endorsement before the original registration of
29	a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped;
30	amending s. 320.0706, F.S.; providing
31	requirements for displaying the rear license
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1	plate on a dump truck; amending s. 320.405,
2	F.S.; authorizing the department to enter into
3	an agreement for scheduling the payment of
4	taxes or penalties; amending s. 322.01, F.S.;
5	redefining the term "driver's license" to
б	include an operator's license as defined by
7	federal law; defining the terms "identification
8	card," "temporary driver's license," and
9	"temporary identification card" for purposes of
10	ch. 322, F.S.; amending s. 322.051, F.S.;
11	revising the age at which a person may be
12	issued an identification card by the
13	department; authorizing the use of additional
14	documentation for purposes of proving
15	nonimmigrant classification when a person
16	applies for an identification card; amending s.
17	322.08, F.S.; authorizing the use of additional
18	documentation for purposes of proving
19	nonimmigrant classification when a person
20	applies for a driver's license; amending s.
21	322.12, F.S.; requiring that all first-time
22	applicants for a license to operate a
23	motorcycle complete a motorcycle safety course;
24	amending s. 322.2615, F.S.; revising the
25	procedures under which a law enforcement
26	officer or correctional officer may suspend the
27	driving privilege of a person who is driving a
28	motor vehicle and who has an unlawful
29	blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level or
30	who refuses to submit to a test of his or her
31	urine, breath, or blood; deleting a requirement

1	that such person be arrested for the offense of
2	driving under the influence; revising certain
3	reporting requirements; providing that
4	materials submitted to the department by the
5	law enforcement agency, including the crash
б	report, are self-authenticating and part of the
7	record for the hearing officer; authorizing a
8	law enforcement agency to appeal a decision by
9	the department invalidating a suspension of a
10	person's driving privilege; providing effective
11	dates.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Section 207.008, Florida Statutes, is
16	amended to read:
17	207.008 Retention of records by motor carrierEach
18	registered motor carrier shall maintain and keep pertinent
19	records and papers as may be required by the department for
20	the reasonable administration of this chapter and shall
21	preserve <u>the records upon which each quarterly tax return is</u>
22	based for 4 years following the due date or filing date of the
23	return, whichever is later such records as long as required by
24	<del>s. 213.35</del> .
25	Section 2. Section 207.021, Florida Statutes, is
26	amended to read:
27	207.021 <u>Informal conferences;</u> settlement or compromise
28	of <u>taxes</u> , penalties <u></u> , or interest
29	(1)(a) The department may adopt rules for establishing
30	informal conferences for the resolution of disputes arising
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1 from the assessment of taxes, penalties, or interest or the 2 denial of refunds under chapter 120. (b) During any proceeding arising under this section, 3 4 the motor carrier has the right to be represented at and to 5 record all procedures at the motor carrier's expense. б (2)(a) The executive director or his or her designee 7 may enter into a closing agreement with a taxpayer settling or compromising the taxpayer's liability for any tax, interest, 8 or penalty assessed under this chapter. Each agreement must be 9 10 in writing, in the form of a closing agreement approved by the department, and signed by the executive director or his or her 11 12 designee. The agreement is final and conclusive, except upon a 13 showing of material fraud or misrepresentation of material fact. The department may not make an additional assessment 14 against the taxpayer for the tax, interest, or penalty 15 16 specified in the closing agreement for the time specified in 17 the closing agreement, and the taxpayer may not institute a 18 judicial or administrative proceeding to recover any tax, interest, or penalty paid pursuant to the closing agreement. 19 The executive director of the department or his or her 20 21 designee may approve the closing agreement. 22 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for the purpose of 23 settling and compromising the liability of a taxpayer for any tax or interest on the grounds of doubt as to liability based 2.4 on the taxpayer's reasonable reliance on a written 25 determination issued by the department, the department may 26 27 compromise the amount of the tax or interest resulting from 2.8 such reasonable reliance. (3) A taxpayer's liability for any tax or interest 29 specified in this chapter may be compromised by the department 30 upon the grounds of doubt as to liability for or the 31

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1 collectibility of such tax or interest. Doubt as to the 2 liability of a taxpayer for tax and interest exists if the taxpayer demonstrates that he or she reasonably relied on a 3 written determination of the department. 4 5 (4) A taxpayer's liability for any tax or interest б under this chapter shall be settled or compromised in whole or 7 in part whenever or to the extent allowable under the Articles 8 of Agreement of the International Fuel Tax Agreement. (5) A taxpayer's liability for penalties under this 9 10 chapter may be settled or compromised if it is determined by the department that the noncompliance is due to reasonable 11 12 cause and not willful negligence, willful neglect, or fraud. 13 (6) The department may enter into an agreement for scheduling payments of any tax, penalty, or interest owed to 14 the department as a result of an audit assessment issued under 15 16 this chapter. The department may settle or compromise, 17 pursuant to s. 213.21, penalties or interest imposed under 18 this chapter. Section 3. Effective January 1, 2007, present 19 subsection (6) of section 316.211, Florida Statutes, is 20 21 redesignated as subsection (7), and a new subsection (6) is 2.2 added to that section, to read: 23 316.211 Equipment for motorcycle and moped riders.--(6) Each motorcycle registered to a person under 21 2.4 25 years of age must display a license plate that is unique in design and color. 26 27 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 316.221, Florida 2.8 Statutes, is amended to read: 316.221 Taillamps.--29 30 (2) Either a taillamp or a separate lamp shall be so constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light the 31 5

1 rear registration plate and render it clearly legible from a 2 distance of 50 feet to the rear. Any taillamp or taillamps, together with any separate lamp or lamps for illuminating the 3 rear registration plate, shall be so wired as to be lighted 4 whenever the headlamps or auxiliary driving lamps are lighted. 5 6 Dump trucks and vehicles having dump bodies are exempt from 7 the requirements of this subsection. Section 5. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (1) of 8 section 319.14, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 9 10 319.14 Sale of motor vehicles registered or used as taxicabs, police vehicles, lease vehicles, or rebuilt vehicles 11 12 and nonconforming vehicles .--13 (1)(a) No person shall knowingly offer for sale, sell, or exchange any vehicle that has ever been licensed, 14 registered, or used as a taxicab, police vehicle, or 15 short-term-lease vehicle, or a vehicle that has been 16 17 repurchased by a manufacturer pursuant to a settlement, 18 determination, or decision under chapter 681, until the department has stamped in a conspicuous place on the 19 certificate of title of the vehicle, or its duplicate, words 20 stating the nature of the previous use of the vehicle or the 21 22 title has been stamped "Manufacturer's Buy Back" to reflect 23 that the vehicle is a nonconforming vehicle. If the certificate of title or duplicate was not so stamped upon 2.4 initial issuance thereof or if, subsequent to initial issuance 25 of the title, the use of the vehicle is changed to a use 26 27 requiring the notation provided for in this section, the owner 2.8 or lienholder of the vehicle shall surrender the certificate 29 of title or duplicate to the department prior to offering the vehicle for sale, and the department shall stamp the 30 certificate or duplicate as required herein. When a vehicle 31

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1 has been repurchased by a manufacturer pursuant to a settlement, determination, or decision under chapter 681, the 2 title shall be stamped "Manufacturer's Buy Back" to reflect 3 that the vehicle is a nonconforming vehicle. 4 (c) As used in this section: 5 б 1. "Police vehicle" means a motor vehicle owned or 7 leased by the state or a county or municipality, marked and 8 outfitted as a pursuit vehicle, and used in law enforcement. 2.a. "Short-term-lease vehicle" means a motor vehicle 9 leased without a driver and under a written agreement to one 10 or more persons from time to time for a period of less than 12 11 12 months. 13 b. "Long-term-lease vehicle" means a motor vehicle leased without a driver and under a written agreement to one 14 person for a period of 12 months or longer. 15 c. "Lease vehicle" includes both short-term-lease 16 17 vehicles and long-term-lease vehicles. 3. "Rebuilt vehicle" means a motor vehicle or mobile 18 home built from salvage or junk, as defined in s. 319.30(1). 19 20 4. "Assembled from parts" means a motor vehicle or 21 mobile home assembled from parts or combined from parts of 22 motor vehicles or mobile homes, new or used. "Assembled from 23 parts" does not mean a motor vehicle defined as a "rebuilt vehicle" in subparagraph 3., which has been declared a total 2.4 25 loss pursuant to s. 319.30. 5. "Kit car" means a motor vehicle assembled with a 26 27 kit supplied by a manufacturer to rebuild a wrecked or 2.8 outdated motor vehicle with a new body kit. 6. "Glider kit" means a vehicle assembled with a kit 29 supplied by a manufacturer to rebuild a wrecked or outdated 30 truck or truck tractor. 31

1 7. "Replica" means a complete new motor vehicle 2 manufactured to look like an old vehicle. 3 8. "Flood vehicle" means a motor vehicle or mobile 4 home that has been declared to be a total loss pursuant to s. 319.30(3)(a) resulting from damage caused by water. 5 6 9. "Nonconforming vehicle" means a motor vehicle which 7 has been purchased by a manufacturer pursuant to a settlement, 8 determination, or decision under chapter 681. 10. "Settlement" means an agreement entered into 9 between a manufacturer and a consumer that occurs after a 10 dispute is submitted to a program, or an informal dispute 11 12 settlement procedure established by a manufacturer or is 13 approved for arbitration before the New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board as defined in s. 681.102. 14 Section 6. Effective January 1, 2007, subsection (1) 15 of section 320.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 16 17 320.02 Registration required; application for 18 registration; forms.--(1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, 19 every owner or person in charge of a motor vehicle that which 20 21 is operated or driven on the roads of this state shall 22 register the vehicle in this state. The owner or person in 23 charge shall apply to the department or to its authorized agent for registration of each such vehicle on a form 2.4 prescribed by the department. Prior to the original 25 registration of a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped, 26 27 the owner must present proof that he or she has obtained the 2.8 endorsement required in s. 322.57. A No registration is not 29 required for any motor vehicle that which is not operated on 30 the roads of this state during the registration period. 31

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1 Section 7. Section 320.0706, Florida Statutes, is 2 amended to read: 3 320.0706 Display of license plates on trucks.--The owner of any commercial truck of gross vehicle weight of 4 26,001 pounds or more shall display the registration license 5 6 plate on both the front and rear of the truck in conformance 7 with all the requirements of s. 316.605 that do not conflict with this section. The owner of a dump truck may place the 8 rear license plate on the gate no higher than 60 inches to 9 allow for better visibility. However, the owner of a truck 10 tractor shall be required to display the registration license 11 12 plate only on the front of such vehicle. 13 Section 8. Subsection (5) is added to section 320.405, Florida Statutes, to read: 14 320.405 International Registration Plan; inspection of 15 16 records; hearings.--17 (5) The department may enter into an agreement for 18 scheduling the payment of taxes or penalties owed to the department as a result of an audit assessment issued under 19 this section. 20 21 Section 9. Subsection (16) of section 322.01, Florida 22 Statutes, is amended, and subsections (43) and (44) are added 23 to that section, to read: 322.01 Definitions.--As used in this chapter: 2.4 (16) "Driver's license" means a certificate that 25 26 which, subject to all other requirements of law, authorizes an individual to drive a motor vehicle and denotes an operator's 27 2.8 license as defined in 49 U.S.C. s. 30301. 29 (43) "Identification card" means a personal 30 identification card issued by the department which conforms to the definition in 18 U.S.C. s. 1028(d). 31

1	(44) "Temporary driver's license" or "temporary
2	identification card" means a certificate issued by the
3	department which, subject to all other requirements of law,
4	authorizes an individual to drive a motor vehicle and denotes
5	an operator's license, as defined in 49 U.S.C. s. 30301, or a
6	personal identification card issued by the department which
7	conforms to the definition in 18 U.S.C. s. 1028(d) and denotes
8	that the holder is permitted to stay for a short duration of
9	time, as specified on the temporary identification card, and
10	is not a permanent resident of the United States.
11	Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 322.051, Florida
12	Statutes, is amended to read:
13	322.051 Identification cards
14	(1) Any person who is $5 + 2$ years of age or older, or
15	any person who has a disability, regardless of age, who
16	applies for a disabled parking permit under s. 320.0848, may
17	be issued an identification card by the department upon
18	completion of an application and payment of an application
19	fee.
20	(a) Each such application shall include the following
21	information regarding the applicant:
22	1. Full name (first, middle or maiden, and last),
23	gender, social security card number, county of residence and
24	mailing address, country of birth, and a brief description.
25	2. Proof of birth date satisfactory to the department.
26	3. Proof of identity satisfactory to the department.
27	Such proof must include one of the following documents issued
28	to the applicant:
29	a. A driver's license record or identification card
30	record from another jurisdiction that required the applicant
31	to submit a document for identification which is substantially
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1 similar to a document required under sub-subparagraph b., 2 sub-subparagraph c., sub-subparagraph d., sub-subparagraph e., sub-subparagraph f., or sub-subparagraph g.; 3 b. A certified copy of a United States birth 4 5 certificate; б c. A United States passport; 7 d. A naturalization certificate issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security; 8 e. An alien registration receipt card (green card); 9 10 f. An employment authorization card issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security; or 11 12 q. Proof of nonimmigrant classification provided by 13 the United States Department of Homeland Security, for an original identification card. In order to prove such 14 nonimmigrant classification, applicants may produce but are 15 not limited to the following documents: 16 17 (I) A notice of hearing from an immigration court 18 scheduling a hearing on any proceeding. (II) A notice from the Board of Immigration Appeals 19 acknowledging pendency of an appeal. 20 21 (III) Notice of the approval of an application for 22 adjustment of status issued by the United States Bureau of 23 Citizenship and Immigration Services. (IV) Any official documentation confirming the filing 2.4 of a petition for asylum or refuqee status or any other relief 25 issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and 26 27 Immigration Services. 28 (V) Notice of action transferring any pending matter from another jurisdiction to Florida, issued by the United 29 30 States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services. 31

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1 (VI) Order of an immigration judge or immigration 2 officer granting any relief that authorizes the alien to live and work in the United States including, but not limited to 3 4 asylum. 5 (VII) Evidence that an application is pending for б adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for 7 permanent residence in the United States or conditional 8 permanent resident status in the United States, if a visa number is available having a current priority date for 9 10 processing by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services. 11 12 13 Presentation of any of the documents described in sub-subparagraph f. or sub-subparagraph g. entitles the 14 applicant to an identification card for a period not to exceed 15 the expiration date of the document presented or 1 year  $\frac{2}{2}$ 16 17 years, whichever first occurs. (b) An application for an identification card must be 18 signed and verified by the applicant in a format designated by 19 the department before a person authorized to administer oaths. 20 21 The fee for an identification card is \$3, including payment 22 for the color photograph or digital image of the applicant. 23 (c) Each such applicant may include fingerprints and any other unique biometric means of identity. 24 Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 322.08, Florida 25 Statutes, is amended to read: 26 27 322.08 Application for license.--2.8 (2) Each such application shall include the following 29 information regarding the applicant: 30 31

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(a) Full name (first, middle or maiden, and last), 1 2 gender, social security card number, county of residence and mailing address, country of birth, and a brief description. 3 4 (b) Proof of birth date satisfactory to the department. 5 6 (c) Proof of identity satisfactory to the department. 7 Such proof must include one of the following documents issued 8 to the applicant: 1. A driver's license record or identification card 9 record from another jurisdiction that required the applicant 10 to submit a document for identification which is substantially 11 12 similar to a document required under subparagraph 2., 13 subparagraph 3., subparagraph 4., subparagraph 5., subparagraph 6., or subparagraph 7.; 14 2. A certified copy of a United States birth 15 certificate; 16 17 3. A United States passport; 4. A naturalization certificate issued by the United 18 States Department of Homeland Security; 19 5. An alien registration receipt card (green card); 20 21 6. An employment authorization card issued by the 22 United States Department of Homeland Security; or 23 7. Proof of nonimmigrant classification provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security, for an 2.4 original driver's license. In order to prove nonimmigrant 25 classification, an applicant may produce the following 26 27 documents, including, but not limited to: 28 a. A notice of hearing from an immigration court 29 scheduling a hearing on any proceeding. 30 b. A notice from the Board of Immigration Appeals acknowledging pendency of an appeal. 31

1 c. A notice of the approval of an application for 2 adjustment of status issued by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service. 3 4 d. Any official documentation confirming the filing of a petition for asylum or refuqee status or any other relief 5 6 issued by the United States Immigration and Naturalization 7 Service. e. A notice of action transferring any pending matter 8 from another jurisdiction to this state issued by the United 9 10 States Immigration and Naturalization Service. f. An order of an immigration judge or immigration 11 12 officer granting any relief that authorizes the alien to live 13 and work in the United States, including, but not limited to, 14 asylum. g. Evidence that an application is pending for 15 adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for 16 permanent residence in the United States or conditional 17 18 permanent resident status in the United States, if a visa number is available having a current priority date for 19 processing by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and 20 21 Immigration Services. 22 23 Presentation of any of the documents in subparagraph 6. or subparagraph 7. entitles the applicant to a driver's license 2.4 or temporary permit for a period not to exceed the expiration 25 date of the document presented or <u>1 year</u> <del>2 years</del>, whichever 26 27 occurs first. 2.8 (d) Whether the applicant has previously been licensed 29 to drive, and, if so, when and by what state, and whether any such license or driving privilege has ever been disqualified, 30 revoked, or suspended, or whether an application has ever been 31 14

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1 refused, and, if so, the date of and reason for such disqualification, suspension, revocation, or refusal. 2 (e) Each such application may include fingerprints and 3 other unique biometric means of identity. 4 5 Section 12. Effective January 1, 2007, subsection (5) б of section 322.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 7 322.12 Examination of applicants.--8 (5)(a) The department shall formulate a separate 9 examination for applicants for licenses to operate motorcycles. Any applicant for a driver's license who wishes 10 to operate a motorcycle, and who is otherwise qualified, must 11 12 successfully complete such an examination, which is in 13 addition to the examination administered under subsection (3). The examination must test the applicant's knowledge of the 14 operation of a motorcycle and of any traffic laws specifically 15 relating thereto and must include an actual demonstration of 16 17 his or her ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control 18 in the operation of a motorcycle. Any applicant who fails to pass the initial knowledge examination will incur a \$5 fee for 19 each subsequent examination, to be deposited into the Highway 20 21 Safety Operating Trust Fund. Any applicant who fails to pass 22 the initial skills examination will incur a \$10 fee for each 23 subsequent examination, to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. In the formulation of the 2.4 examination, the department shall consider the use of the 25 Motorcycle Operator Skills Test and the Motorcycle in Traffic 26 27 Test offered by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The 2.8 department shall indicate on the license of any person who 29 successfully completes the examination that the licensee is authorized to operate a motorcycle. If the applicant wishes to 30 be licensed to operate a motorcycle only, he or she need not 31

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1 take the skill or road test required under subsection (3) for 2 the operation of a motor vehicle, and the department shall indicate such a limitation on his or her license as a 3 restriction. Every first-time applicant for licensure to 4 5 operate a motorcycle who is under 21 years of age must provide б proof of completion of a motorcycle safety course, as provided 7 for in s. 322.0255, before the applicant may be licensed to 8 operate a motorcycle. 9 (b) The department may exempt any applicant from the 10 examination provided in this subsection if the applicant presents a certificate showing successful completion of a 11 12 course approved by the department, which course includes a 13 similar examination of the knowledge and skill of the applicant in the operation of a motorcycle. 14 Section 13. Section 322.2615, Florida Statutes, is 15 16 amended to read: 17 322.2615 Suspension of license; right to review.--18 (1)(a) A law enforcement officer or correctional officer shall, on behalf of the department, suspend the 19 driving privilege of a person who is driving or in actual 20 21 physical control of a motor vehicle and who has an has been 22 arrested by a law enforcement officer for a violation of s. 23 316.193, relating to unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher, or of a person who has 2.4 25 refused to submit to a breath, urine, or blood test or a test 26 of his or her breath-alcohol or blood-alcohol level authorized 27 by s. 316.1932. The officer shall take the person's driver's 2.8 license and issue the person a 10-day temporary permit if the 29 person is otherwise eligible for the driving privilege and shall issue the person a notice of suspension. If a blood test 30 has been administered, the results of which are not available 31

1 to the officer or at the time of the arrest, the agency 2 employing the officer shall transmit such results to the department within 5 days after receipt of the results. If the 3 department then determines that the person was arrested for a 4 violation of s. 316.193 and that the person had a 5 6 blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher, 7 the department shall suspend the person's driver's license 8 pursuant to subsection (3). (b) The suspension under paragraph (a) shall be 9 10 pursuant to, and the notice of suspension shall inform the driver of, the following: 11 12 1.a. The driver refused to submit to a lawful breath, 13 blood, or urine test and his or her driving privilege is suspended for a period of 1 year for a first refusal or for a 14 period of 18 months if his or her driving privilege has been 15 previously suspended as a result of a refusal to submit to 16 17 such a test; or 18 b. The driver was driving or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle and had <del>violated s. 316.193 by</del> 19 driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol 20 21 level of 0.08 or higher as provided in that section and his or 22 her driving privilege is suspended for a period of 6 months 23 for a first offense or for a period of 1 year if his or her driving privilege has been previously suspended under this 2.4 section for a violation of s. 316.193. 25 2. The suspension period shall commence on the date of 26 27 arrest or issuance of the notice of suspension, whichever is 2.8 <del>later</del>. 3. The driver may request a formal or informal review 29 30 of the suspension by the department within 10 days after the 31

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1 date of arrest or issuance of the notice of suspension, 2 whichever is later. 4. The temporary permit issued at the time of arrest 3 expires will expire at midnight of the 10th day following the 4 date of arrest or issuance of the notice of suspension, 5 6 whichever is later. 7 5. The driver may submit to the department any 8 materials relevant to the suspension arrest. (2) Except as provided in paragraph (1)(a), the law 9 10 enforcement officer shall forward to the department, within 5 days after issuing the date of the arrest, a copy of the 11 12 notice of suspension, the driver's license; of the person 13 arrested, and a report of the arrest, including an affidavit stating the officer's grounds for belief that the person was 14 driving or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while 15 under the influence of alcoholic beverages or chemical or 16 17 controlled substances arrested was in violation of s. 316.193; the results of any breath or blood test or an affidavit 18 stating that a breath, blood, or urine test was requested by a 19 law enforcement officer or correctional officer and that the 20 21 person arrested refused to submit; a copy of the citation 22 issued to the person arrested; and the officer's description 23 of the person's field sobriety test, if any; the notice of suspension; and a copy of the crash report, if any. The 2.4 failure of the officer to submit materials within the 5-day 25 26 period specified in this subsection and in subsection (1) does 27 shall not affect the department's ability to consider any 2.8 evidence submitted at or prior to the hearing. The officer 29 may also submit a copy of a videotape of the field sobriety test or the attempt to administer such test. Materials 30 submitted to the department by a law enforcement agency or 31

correctional agency shall be considered self-authenticating 1 2 and shall be in the record for consideration by the hearing officer. Notwithstanding s. 316.066(4), the crash report shall 3 4 be considered by the hearing officer. 5 (3) If the department determines that the license of 6 the person arrested should be suspended pursuant to this 7 section and if the notice of suspension has not already been 8 served upon the person by a law enforcement officer or correctional officer as provided in subsection (1), the 9 department shall issue a notice of suspension and, unless the 10 notice is mailed pursuant to s. 322.251, a temporary permit 11 12 that which expires 10 days after the date of issuance if the 13 driver is otherwise eligible. (4) If the person <u>suspended</u> arrested requests an 14 informal review pursuant to subparagraph (1)(b)3., the 15 department shall conduct the informal review by a hearing 16 17 officer employed by the department. Such informal review hearing shall consist solely of an examination by the 18 department of the materials submitted by a law enforcement 19 officer or correctional officer and by the person suspended 20 21 arrested, and the presence of an officer or witness is not 22 required. 23 (5) After completion of the informal review, notice of the department's decision sustaining, amending, or 2.4 invalidating the suspension of the driver's license of the 25 26 person <u>suspended</u> arrested must be provided to such person. 27 Such notice must be mailed to the person at the last known 2.8 address shown on the department's records, or to the address 29 provided in the law enforcement officer's report if such 30 address differs from the address of record, within 21 days 31

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1 after the expiration of the temporary permit issued pursuant 2 to subsection (1) or subsection (3). 3 (6)(a) If the person <u>suspended</u> arrested requests a 4 formal review, the department must schedule a hearing to be held within 30 days after such request is received by the 5 6 department and must notify the person of the date, time, and 7 place of the hearing. (b) Such formal review hearing shall be held before a 8 hearing officer employed by the department, and the hearing 9 10 officer shall be authorized to administer oaths, examine witnesses and take testimony, receive relevant evidence, issue 11 12 subpoenas for the officers and witnesses identified in 13 documents in subsection (2), regulate the course and conduct of the hearing, <u>question witnesses</u>, and make a ruling on the 14 suspension. The department and the person arrested may 15 16 subpoena witnesses, and the party requesting the presence of a 17 witness shall be responsible for the payment of any witness 18 fees and for notifying in writing the state attorney's office in the appropriate circuit of the issuance of the subpoena. 19 If the person who requests a formal review hearing fails to 20 21 appear and the hearing officer finds such failure to be 22 without just cause, the right to a formal hearing is waived 23 and the suspension shall be sustained. (c) A party may seek enforcement of a subpoena under 2.4 paragraph (b) by filing a petition for enforcement in the 25 circuit court of the judicial circuit in which the person 26 27 failing to comply with the subpoena resides. A failure to 2.8 comply with an order of the court shall result in a finding of contempt of court. However, a person is shall not be in 29 30 contempt while a subpoena is being challenged. 31

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(d) The department must, within 7 working days after a formal review hearing, send notice to the person of the hearing officer's decision as to whether sufficient cause exists to sustain, amend, or invalidate the suspension.
(7) In a formal review hearing under subsection (6) or an informal review hearing under subsection (4), the hearing officer shall determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether sufficient cause exists to sustain, amend, or invalidate the suspension. The scope of the review shall be limited to the following issues:

(a) If the license was suspended for driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher in violation of s. 316.193:
1. Whether the arresting law enforcement officer had

15 probable cause to believe that the person <u>suspended</u> was 16 driving or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle in 17 this state while under the influence of alcoholic beverages or 18 <u>chemical or</u> controlled substances.

19 2. Whether the person was placed under lawful arrest
20 for a violation of s. 316.193.

21 <u>2.3.</u> Whether the person <u>suspended</u> had an unlawful
22 blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level <u>of 0.08 or higher</u>
23 as provided in s. 316.193.

(b) If the license was suspended for refusal to submitto a breath, blood, or urine test:

Whether the arresting law enforcement officer had
 probable cause to believe that the person <u>suspended</u> was
 driving or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle in
 this state while under the influence of alcoholic beverages or
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1 2. Whether the person was placed under lawful arrest 2 a violation of s. 316.193. 3 2.3. Whether the person suspended refused to submit to any such test after being requested to do so by a law 4 enforcement officer or correctional officer. 5 б 3.4. Whether the person <u>suspended</u> was told that if he 7 or she refused to submit to such test his or her privilege to 8 operate a motor vehicle would be suspended for a period of 1 year or, in the case of a second or subsequent refusal, for a 9 period of 18 months. 10 (8) Based on the determination of the hearing officer 11 12 pursuant to subsection (7) for both informal hearings under 13 subsection (4) and formal hearings under subsection (6), the department shall: 14 (a) Sustain the suspension of the person's driving 15 privilege for a period of 1 year for a first refusal, or for a 16 17 period of 18 months if the driving privilege of such person has been previously suspended as a result of a refusal to 18 submit to such tests, if the arrested person refused to submit 19 to a lawful breath, blood, or urine test. The suspension 20 21 period commences on the date of the arrest or issuance of the 22 notice of suspension, whichever is later. 23 (b) Sustain the suspension of the person's driving privilege for a period of 6 months for a <u>blood-alcohol level</u> 2.4 or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher violation of s. 25 26 316.193, or for a period of 1 year if the driving privilege of 27 such person has been previously suspended under this section 2.8 as a result of <u>driving with an unlawful alcohol level</u> a violation of s. 316.193. The suspension period commences on 29 30 the date of the arrest or issuance of the notice of suspension, whichever is later. 31

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1	(9) A request for a formal review hearing or an
2	informal review hearing shall not stay the suspension of the
3	person's driver's license. If the department fails to
4	schedule the formal review hearing to be held within 30 days
5	after receipt of the request therefor, the department shall
б	invalidate the suspension. If the scheduled hearing is
7	continued at the department's initiative, the department shall
8	issue a temporary driving permit <u>that</u> which shall be valid
9	until the hearing is conducted if the person is otherwise
10	eligible for the driving privilege. Such permit <u>may</u> shall not
11	be issued to a person who sought and obtained a continuance of
12	the hearing. The permit issued under this subsection shall
13	authorize driving for business or employment use only.
14	(10) A person whose driver's license is suspended
15	under subsection (1) or subsection (3) may apply for issuance
16	of a license for business or employment purposes only if the
17	person is otherwise eligible for the driving privilege
18	pursuant to s. 322.271.
19	(a) If the suspension of the driver's license of the
20	person for failure to submit to a breath, urine, or blood test
21	is sustained, the person is not eligible to receive a license
22	for business or employment purposes only, pursuant to s.
23	322.271, until 90 days have elapsed after the expiration of
24	the last temporary permit issued. If the driver is not issued
25	a 10-day permit pursuant to this section or s. 322.64 because
26	he or she is ineligible for the permit and the suspension for
27	failure to submit to a breath, urine, or blood test is not
28	invalidated by the department, the driver is not eligible to
29	receive a business or employment license pursuant to s.
30	322.271 until 90 days have elapsed from the date of the
31	suspension.
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1	(b) If the suspension of the driver's license of the
2	person <del>arrested for a violation of s. 316.193,</del> relating to
3	unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level <u>of 0.08</u>
4	<u>or higher</u> , is sustained, the person is not eligible to receive
5	a license for business or employment purposes only pursuant to
6	s. 322.271 until 30 days have elapsed after the expiration of
7	the last temporary permit issued. If the driver is not issued
8	a 10-day permit pursuant to this section or s. 322.64 because
9	he or she is ineligible for the permit and the suspension <del>for</del>
10	a violation of s. 316.193, relating to unlawful blood-alcohol
11	level <u>or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher</u> , is not
12	invalidated by the department, the driver is not eligible to
13	receive a business or employment license pursuant to s.
14	322.271 until 30 days have elapsed from the date of the
15	suspension arrest.
16	(11) The formal review hearing may be conducted upon a
17	review of the reports of a law enforcement officer or a
18	correctional officer, including documents relating to the
19	administration of a breath test or blood test or the refusal
20	to take either test or the refusal to take a urine test.
21	However, as provided in subsection (6), the driver may
22	subpoena the officer or any person who administered or
23	analyzed a breath or blood test.
24	(12) The formal review hearing and the informal review
25	hearing are exempt from the provisions of chapter 120. The
26	department may $is$ authorized to adopt rules for the conduct of
27	reviews under this section.
28	(13) A person may appeal any decision of the
29	department sustaining a suspension of his or her driver's
30	license by a petition for writ of certiorari to the circuit
31	court in the county wherein such person resides or wherein a
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1 formal or informal review was conducted pursuant to s. 322.31. 2 However, an appeal shall not stay the suspension. A law enforcement agency may appeal any decision of the department 3 4 invalidating a suspension by a petition for writ of certiorari to the circuit court in the county wherein a formal or 5 6 informal review was conducted. This subsection shall not be 7 construed to provide for a de novo appeal. 8 (14)(a) The decision of the department under this section or any circuit court review thereof may not be 9 10 considered in any trial for a violation of s. 316.193, and a written statement submitted by a person in his or her request 11 12 for departmental review under this section may not be admitted 13 into evidence against him or her in any such trial. (b) The disposition of any related criminal 14 proceedings does not affect a suspension for refusal to submit 15 to a blood, breath, or urine test, authorized by s. 316.1932 16 17 or s. 316.1933, imposed under this section. 18 (15) If the department suspends a person's license under s. 322.2616, it may not also suspend the person's 19 license under this section for the same episode that was the 2.0 21 basis for the suspension under s. 322.2616. 22 (16) The department shall invalidate a suspension for 23 driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level imposed under this section if the suspended person is 2.4 found not guilty at trial of an underlying violation of s. 25 316.193. 26 27 Section 14. Except as otherwise expressly provided in 2.8 this act, this act shall take effect October 1, 2006. 29 30 31

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2	SENATE SUMMARY
3	Revises various requirements governing motor carriers and
4	the payment of taxes, interest, or penalties to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Requires
5	a unique license plate for a motorcycle registered to a person younger than 21 years of age. Provides for the
6	department to issue an identification card to a person 5 years of age or older. Authorizes the use of additional documentation for purposes of proving nonimmigrant
7	classification when a person applies for an identification card or driver's license. Requires all
8	first-time applicants for a license to operate a motorcycle to complete a motorcycle safety course.
9	Revises the procedures under which a law enforcement officer or correctional officer may suspend the driving
10	privilege of a person who is driving a motor vehicle and who has an unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol
11	level or who refuses to submit to a test of his or her urine, breath, or blood. (See bill for details.)
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