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An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 207.008, F.S.; requiring that a motor carrier maintain certain tax records for a specified period; amending s. 207.021, F.S.; authorizing the department to adopt rules to resolve disputes with motor carriers involving taxes, penalties, interest, or refunds; providing for an agreement with the department settling or compromising a taxpayer's liability for any tax, interest, or penalty; authorizing agreements for scheduling payments of taxes, penalties, or interest; amending s. 261.10, F.S.; providing a limitation on liability in off-highway vehicle recreation; creating s. 261.20, F.S.; authorizing operations of off-highway vehicles on public lands; providing restrictions; requiring safety courses; defining prohibited acts; providing penalties; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; defining the term "full mount"; revising the definition of "saddle mount" to provide for a full mount; amending s. 316.006, F.S.; authorizing the board of directors of a homeowner's association to provide for local law enforcement agencies to enforce state traffic laws on private roads that are controlled by the association; amending s. 316.0085, F.S.; applying provisions that relate to liability with respect to skateboarding, inline skating, and other recreational pursuits to mountain and off-road bicycling as well; requiring demonstration that consent by a parent or legal

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law enforcement officer; providing for counties to be exempted from the act; amending s. 316.2125, F.S.; granting local jurisdictions the authority to enact ordinances governing the use of golf carts within a retirement community which are more restrictive than state law; creating s. 316.2128, F.S.; providing requirements for the commercial sale of motorized scooters and miniature motorcycles; providing that a violation of the commercial sales requirements is an unfair and deceptive trade practice; amending s. 316.221, F.S.; exempting dump trucks and similar vehicles from the requirement that the rear registration plate be illuminated; amending s. 316.302, F.S.; updating references to federal commercial motor vehicle regulations; revising hours-of-service requirements for certain intrastate motor carriers; revising conditions for an exemption from commercial driver's license requirements; revising weight requirements for application of certain exceptions to specified federal regulations and to operation of certain commercial motor vehicles by persons of a certain age; amending s. 316.515, F.S.; authorizing certain uses of forestry equipment; providing width and speed limitations; requiring such vehicles to be operated in accordance with specified safety requirements; revising length and mount requirements for automobile towaway and driveaway operations; authorizing saddle mount combinations to include one full mount; amending s. 318.14, F.S.;

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providing exceptions to procedures for certain speed-limit violations; removing the option for certain offenders to attend driver improvement school; amending s. 318.143, F.S., relating to sanctions for infractions of ch. 316, F.S., committed by minors; allowing a court to require a minor and his or her parents or quardians to participate in a registered youthful driver monitoring service; creating s. 318.1435, F.S.; defining the term "youthful driver monitoring service"; providing procedures by which such a service may provide monitoring; providing registration requirements; amending s. 318.15, F.S.; providing for the collection of certain service charges by authorized driver licensing agents; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; providing increased penalties for violation of load on vehicle restrictions; amending s. 318.19, F.S.; requiring mandatory hearings for certain speed-limit violations; amending s. 318.32, F.S.; authorizing officers to revoke a driver's license under certain circumstances; amending s. 320.015, F.S.; providing that a prefabricated or modular home shall be taxed as real property after it is permanently affixed to real property; providing an exception for certain display homes or dealer inventory; amending s. 320.02, F.S.; requiring proof of an endorsement before the original registration of a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped; amending s. 320.03, F.S.; exempting certain owners of leased vehicles from certain registration requirements; amending s.

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320.07, F.S.; exempting certain owners of leased vehicles from certain penalties relating to annual registrationrenewal requirements; amending s. 320.0706, F.S.; providing requirements for displaying the rear license plate on a dump truck; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; providing annual use fees for certain plates; exempting collegiate license plates from the requirement for maintaining a specified number of license plate registrations; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; creating the Future Farmers of America license plate; providing for the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; providing for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom license plates for qualified military personnel; amending s. 320.27, F.S.; exempting certain applicants for a new franchised motor vehicle dealer license from certain training requirements; providing penalties for the failure to register a mobile home salesperson; amending s. 320.405, F.S.; authorizing the department to enter into an agreement for scheduling the payment of taxes or penalties; amending s. 320.77, F.S.; providing a definition; requiring mobile home salespersons to be registered with the department; amending s. 320.781, F.S.; providing for certain claims to be satisfied from the Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Protection Trust Fund; establishing certain conditions for such claims; providing limits on such claims; amending s. 322.01, F.S.;

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redefining the term "driver's license" to include an operator's license as defined by federal law; defining the terms "identification card," "temporary driver's license," and "temporary identification card" for purposes of ch. 322, F.S.; amending s. 322.05, F.S.; requiring that a driver holding a learner license may only have his or her application for a Class E license delayed for a moving violation; amending s. 322.051, F.S.; revising the age at which a person may be issued an identification card by the department; authorizing the use of additional documentation for purposes of proving nonimmigrant classification when a person applies for an identification card; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; authorizing the use of additional documentation for purposes of proving nonimmigrant classification when a person applies for a driver's license; amending s. 322.12, F.S.; requiring that all first-time applicants for a license to operate a motorcycle complete a motorcycle safety course; amending s. 322.121, F.S.; revising periodic license examination requirements; providing for such testing of applicants for renewal of a license under provisions requiring an endorsement permitting the applicant to operate a tank vehicle transporting hazardous materials; amending s. 322.2615, F.S.; revising the procedures under which a law enforcement officer or correctional officer may suspend the driving privilege of a person who is driving a motor vehicle and who has an unlawful blood-alcohol level or

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breath-alcohol level or who refuses to submit to a test of his or her urine, breath, or blood; deleting a requirement that such person be arrested for the offense of driving under the influence; revising certain reporting requirements; providing that materials submitted to the department by the law enforcement agency, including the crash report, are self-authenticating and part of the record for the hearing officer; authorizing a law enforcement agency to appeal a decision by the department invalidating a suspension of a person's driving privilege; directing the department to study the outsourcing of its driver license services to a provider or other governmental agency, in whole or in part, while retaining responsibility and accountability for the services; requiring that the department submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing requirements for the department with respect to issues to be included in the study; requiring a cost-benefit analysis and a transition and implementation plan; amending s. 627.733, F.S.; revising security requirements for certain vehicles; amending s. 324.032, F.S.; revising financial responsibility requirements for certain for-hire vehicles; amending s. 318.1215, F.S.; deleting obsolete language; increasing the amount of the surcharge on each civil traffic penalty which is to be used for driver education programs in schools; amending s. 316.083, F.S.; requiring the driver of a vehicle overtaking a bicycle or

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190 other nonmotorized vehicle to pass the bicycle or other 191 nonmotorized vehicle at a safe, specified distance; providing effective dates. 192 193 194 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 195 Section 1. Section 207.008, Florida Statutes, is amended 196 197 to read: 198 207.008 Retention of records by motor carrier.--Each registered motor carrier shall maintain and keep pertinent 199 200 records and papers as may be required by the department for the reasonable administration of this chapter and shall preserve the 201 202 records upon which each quarterly tax return is based for 4 203 years following the due date or filing date of the return, 204 whichever is later such records as long as required by s. 205 213.35. 206 Section 2. Section 207.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 207 208 207.021 Informal conferences; settlement or compromise of taxes, penalties, or interest.--209 210 The department may adopt rules for establishing informal conferences for the resolution of disputes arising from 211 212 the assessment of taxes, penalties, or interest or the denial of 213 refunds under chapter 120. During any proceeding arising under this section, the 214 215 motor carrier has the right to be represented and to record all

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- The executive director or his or her designee may (2)(a) enter into a closing agreement with a taxpayer settling or compromising the taxpayer's liability for any tax, interest, or penalty assessed under this chapter. Each agreement must be in writing, in the form of a closing agreement approved by the department, and signed by the executive director or his or her designee. The agreement is final and conclusive, except upon a showing of material fraud or misrepresentation of material fact. The department may not make an additional assessment against the taxpayer for the tax, interest, or penalty specified in the closing agreement for the time specified in the closing agreement, and the taxpayer may not institute a judicial or administrative proceeding to recover any tax, interest, or penalty paid pursuant to the closing agreement. The executive director of the department or his or her designee may approve the closing agreement.
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for the purpose of settling and compromising the liability of a taxpayer for any tax or interest on the grounds of doubt as to liability based on the taxpayer's reasonable reliance on a written determination issued by the department, the department may compromise the amount of the tax or interest resulting from such reasonable reliance.
- (3) A taxpayer's liability for any tax or interest specified in this chapter may be compromised by the department upon the grounds of doubt as to liability for or the collectibility of such tax or interest. Doubt as to the

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liability of a taxpayer for tax and interest exists if the taxpayer demonstrates that he or she reasonably relied on a written determination of the department.

- (4) A taxpayer's liability for any tax or interest under this chapter shall be settled or compromised in whole or in part whenever or to the extent allowable under the Articles of Agreement of the International Fuel Tax Agreement.
- (5) A taxpayer's liability for penalties under this chapter may be settled or compromised if it is determined by the department that the noncompliance is due to reasonable cause and not willful negligence, willful neglect, or fraud.
- (6) The department may enter into an agreement for scheduling payments of any tax, penalty, or interest owed to the department as a result of an audit assessment issued under this chapter. The department may settle or compromise, pursuant to s. 213.21, penalties or interest imposed under this chapter.
- Section 3. Effective July 1, 2008, section 261.10, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 261.10 Criteria for recreation areas and $trails_{\underline{i}}$ limitation on liability.--
- (1) Publicly owned or operated off-highway vehicle recreation areas and trails shall be designated and maintained for recreational travel by off-highway vehicles. These areas and trails need not be generally suitable or maintained for normal travel by conventional two-wheel-drive vehicles and should not be designated as recreational footpaths. State off-highway

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vehicle recreation areas and trails must be selected and managed in accordance with this chapter.

- (2) State agencies, water management districts, counties, and municipalities, and officers and employees thereof, which provide off-highway recreation areas and trails on publicly owned land are not liable for damage to personal property or personal injury or death to any person resulting from participation in the inherently dangerous risks of off-highway vehicle recreation. This subsection does not limit liability that would otherwise exist for an act of negligence by a state agency, water management district, county, or municipality, or officer or employee thereof, which is the proximate cause of the damage, injury, or death. Nothing in this subsection creates a duty of care or basis of liability for death, personal injury, or damage to personal property, nor shall anything in this subsection be deemed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity under any circumstances.
- Section 4. Effective July 1, 2008, section 261.20, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 261.20 Operations of off-highway vehicles on public lands; restrictions; safety courses; required equipment; prohibited acts; penalties.--
- (1) This section applies only to the operation of off-highway vehicles on public lands.
- (2) Any person operating an off-highway vehicle as permitted in this section who has not attained 16 years of age

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must be supervised by an adult while operating the off-highway vehicle.

- (3) Effective July 1, 2008, while operating an off-highway vehicle, a person who has not attained 16 years of age must have in his or her possession a certificate evidencing the satisfactory completion of an approved off-highway vehicle safety course in this state or another jurisdiction. A nonresident who has not attained 16 years of age and who is in this state temporarily for a period not to exceed 30 days is exempt from this subsection. Nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit an agency from requiring additional safety-education courses for all operators.
- (4)(a) The department shall approve all off-highway vehicle public safety-education programs required by this chapter as a condition for operating on public lands.
- (b) An off-highway vehicle must be equipped with a spark arrester that is approved by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, a braking system, and a muffler, all in operating condition.
- (c) On and after July 1, 2008, off-highway vehicles, when operating pursuant to this chapter, shall be equipped with a silencer or other device which limits sound emissions. Exhaust noise must not exceed 96 decibels in the A-weighting scale for vehicles manufactured after January 1, 1986, or 99 decibels in the A-weighting scale for vehicles manufactured before January 1, 1986, when measured from a distance of 20 inches using test procedures established by the Society of Automotive Engineers

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under Standard J-1287. Off-highway vehicle manufacturers or their agents prior to the sale to the general public in this state of any new off-highway vehicle model manufactured after January 1, 2008, shall provide to the department revolutions-per-minute data needed to conduct the J-1287 test, where applicable.

- (d) An off-highway vehicle that is operated between sunset and sunrise, or when visibility is reduced because of rain, smoke, or smog, must display a lighted headlamp and taillamp unless the use of such lights is prohibited by other laws, such as a prohibition on the use of lights when hunting at night.
- (e) An off-highway vehicle that is used in certain organized and sanctioned competitive events being held on a closed course may be exempted by departmental rule from any equipment requirement in this subsection.
 - (5) It is a violation of this section:
- (a) To carry a passenger on an off-highway vehicle, unless the machine is specifically designed by the manufacturer to carry an operator and a single passenger.
- (b) To operate an off-highway vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or any prescription or over-the-counter drug that impairs vision or motor condition.
- (c) For a person who has not attained 16 years of age, to operate an off-highway vehicle without wearing eye protection, over-the-ankle boots, and a safety helmet that is approved by

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the United States Department of Transportation or Snell Memorial Foundation.

- (d) To operate an off-highway vehicle in a careless or reckless manner that endangers or causes injury or damage to another person or property.
- (6) Any person who violates this section commits a noncriminal infraction and is subject to a fine of not less than \$100, and may have his or her privilege to operate an ATV on public lands revoked. However, a person who commits such acts with intent to defraud, or who commits a second or subsequent violation, is subject to a fine of not less than \$500 and may have his or her privilege to operate an ATV on public lands revoked.
- (7) Public land managing agencies, through the course of their management activities, are exempt from the provisions of subsection (5)(a).
- Section 5. Subsection (43) of section 316.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 316.003 Definitions.--The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except where the context otherwise requires:
- (43) SADDLE MOUNT; FULL MOUNT.--An arrangement whereby the front wheels of one vehicle rest in a secured position upon another vehicle. All of the wheels of the towing vehicle are upon the ground and only the rear wheels of the towed vehicle rest upon the ground. Such combinations may include one full

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mount, whereby a smaller transport vehicle is placed completely on the last towed vehicle.

Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 316.006, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.006 Jurisdiction.--Jurisdiction to control traffic is vested as follows:

- (2) MUNICIPALITIES. --
- (b) A municipality may exercise jurisdiction over any private road or roads, or over any limited access road or roads owned or controlled by a special district, located within its boundaries if the municipality and party or parties owning or controlling such road or roads provide, by written agreement approved by the governing body of the municipality, for municipal traffic control jurisdiction over the road or roads encompassed by such agreement. Pursuant thereto:
- 1. Provision for reimbursement for actual costs of traffic control and enforcement and for liability insurance and indemnification by the party or parties, and such other terms as are mutually agreeable, may be included in such an agreement.
- 2. The exercise of jurisdiction provided for herein shall be in addition to jurisdictional authority presently exercised by municipalities under law, and nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit or remove any such jurisdictional authority. Such jurisdiction includes regulation of access to such road or roads by security devices or personnel.

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- 3. Any such agreement may provide for the installation of multiparty stop signs by the parties controlling the roads covered by the agreement if a determination is made by such parties that the signage will enhance traffic safety. Multiparty stop signs must conform to the manual and specifications of the Department of Transportation; however, minimum traffic volumes may not be required for the installation of such signage. Enforcement for the signs shall be as provided in s. 316.123.
- 4. The board of directors of a homeowners' association as defined in chapter 720 may, by majority vote, elect to have state traffic laws enforced by local law enforcement agencies on private roads that are controlled by the association.
 - (3) COUNTIES. --
- (b) A county may exercise jurisdiction over any private road or roads, or over any limited access road or roads owned or controlled by a special district, located in the unincorporated area within its boundaries if the county and party or parties owning or controlling such road or roads provide, by written agreement approved by the governing body of the county, for county traffic control jurisdiction over the road or roads encompassed by such agreement. Pursuant thereto:
- 1. Provision for reimbursement for actual costs of traffic control and enforcement and for liability insurance and indemnification by the party or parties, and such other terms as are mutually agreeable, may be included in such an agreement.
- 2. Prior to entering into an agreement which provides for enforcement of the traffic laws of the state over a private road

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or roads, or over any limited access road or roads owned or controlled by a special district, the governing body of the county shall consult with the sheriff. No such agreement shall take effect prior to October 1, the beginning of the county fiscal year, unless this requirement is waived in writing by the sheriff.

- 3. The exercise of jurisdiction provided for herein shall be in addition to jurisdictional authority presently exercised by counties under law, and nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit or remove any such jurisdictional authority.
- 4. Any such agreement may provide for the installation of multiparty stop signs by the parties controlling the roads covered by the agreement if a determination is made by such parties that the signage will enhance traffic safety. Multiparty stop signs must conform to the manual and specifications of the Department of Transportation; however, minimum traffic volumes may not be required for the installation of such signage. Enforcement for the signs shall be as provided in s. 316.123.
- 5. The board of directors of a homeowners' association as defined in chapter 720 may, by majority vote, elect to have state traffic laws enforced by local law enforcement agencies on private roads that are controlled by the association.
- Section 7. Section 316.0085, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 316.0085 Skateboarding; inline skating; freestyle <u>or</u> mountain and off-road bicycling; paintball; definitions; liability.--

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- (1) The purpose of this section is to encourage governmental owners or lessees of property to make land available to the public for skateboarding, inline skating, paintball, and freestyle or mountain and off-road bicycling. It is recognized that governmental owners or lessees of property have failed to make property available for such activities because of the exposure to liability from lawsuits and the prohibitive cost of insurance, if insurance can be obtained for such activities. It is also recognized that risks and dangers are inherent in these activities, which risks and dangers should be assumed by those participating in such activities.
 - (2) As used in this section, the term:
 - (a) "Governmental entity" means:
- 1. The United States, the State of Florida, any county or municipality, or any department, agency, or other instrumentality thereof.
- 2. Any school board, special district, authority, or other entity exercising governmental authority.
- (b) "Inherent risk" means those dangers or conditions that are characteristic of, intrinsic to, or an integral part of skateboarding, inline skating, paintball, and freestyle or mountain and off-road bicycling.
- (3) This section does not grant authority or permission for a person to engage in skateboarding, inline skating, paintball, or freestyle or mountain and off-road bicycling on property owned or controlled by a governmental entity unless such governmental entity has specifically designated such area

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for skateboarding, inline skating, paintball, or freestyle or mountain and off-road bicycling. Each governmental entity shall post a rule in each specifically designated area that identifies all authorized activities and indicates that a child under 17 years of age may not engage in any of those activities until the governmental entity has obtained written consent, in a form acceptable to the governmental entity, from the child's parents or legal guardians.

- (4) A governmental entity or public employee is not liable to any person who voluntarily participates in skateboarding, inline skating, paintball, or freestyle or mountain and off-road bicycling for any damage or injury to property or persons which arises out of a person's participation in such activity, and which takes place in an area designated for such activity.
- (5) This section does not limit liability that would otherwise exist for any of the following:
- (a) The failure of the governmental entity or public employee to guard against or warn of a dangerous condition of which a participant does not and cannot reasonably be expected to have notice.
- (b) An act of gross negligence by the governmental entity or public employee that is the proximate cause of the injury.
- (c) The failure of a governmental entity that provides a designated area for skateboarding, inline skating, paintball, or freestyle or mountain and off-road bicycling to obtain the written consent, in a form acceptable to the governmental entity, from the parents or legal guardians of any child under

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17 years of age before authorizing such child to participate in skateboarding, inline skating, paintball, or freestyle or mountain and off-road bicycling in such designated area, unless that child's participation is in violation of posted rules governing the authorized use of the designated area, except that a parent or legal guardian must demonstrate that written consent to engage in mountain or off-road bicycling in a designated area was provided to the governmental entity before entering the designated area.

Nothing in this subsection creates a duty of care or basis of liability for death, personal injury, or damage to personal property. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity under any circumstances.

- (6) Nothing in this section shall limit the liability of an independent concessionaire, or any person or organization other than a governmental entity or public employee, whether or not the person or organization has a contractual relationship with a governmental entity to use the public property, for injuries or damages suffered in any case as a result of the operation of skateboards, inline skates, paintball equipment, or freestyle or mountain and off-road bicycles on public property by the concessionaire, person, or organization.
- (7)(a) Any person who participates in or assists in skateboarding, inline skating, paintball, or freestyle or mountain and off-road bicycling assumes the known and unknown inherent risks in these activities irrespective of age, and is

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legally responsible for all damages, injury, or death to himself or herself or other persons or property which result from these activities. Any person who observes skateboarding, inline skating, paintball, or freestyle or mountain or off-road bicycling assumes the known and unknown inherent risks in these activities irrespective of age, and is legally responsible for all damages, injury, or death to himself or herself which result from these activities. A governmental entity that sponsors, allows, or permits skateboarding, inline skating, paintball, or freestyle or mountain or off-road bicycling on its property is not required to eliminate, alter, or control the inherent risks in these activities.

- (b) While engaged in skateboarding, inline skating, paintball, or freestyle or mountain or off-road bicycling, irrespective of where such activities occur, a participant is responsible for doing all of the following:
- 1. Acting within the limits of his or her ability and the purpose and design of the equipment used.
- 2. Maintaining control of his or her person and the equipment used.
- 3. Refraining from acting in any manner which may cause or contribute to death or injury of himself or herself, or other persons.

Failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph shall constitute negligence.

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- (8) The fact that a governmental entity carries insurance which covers any act described in this section shall not constitute a waiver of the protections set forth in this section, regardless of the existence or limits of such coverage.
- Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 316.1001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 316.1001 Payment of toll on toll facilities required; penalties.--
- (2)(a) For the purpose of enforcing this section, any governmental entity, as defined in s. 334.03, that owns or operates a toll facility may, by rule or ordinance, authorize a toll enforcement officer to issue a uniform traffic citation for a violation of this section. Toll enforcement officer means the designee of a governmental entity whose authority is to enforce the payment of tolls. The governmental entity may designate toll enforcement officers pursuant to s. 316.640(1).
- (b) A citation issued under this subsection may be issued by mailing the citation by first class mail, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address of the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation. Mailing the citation to this address constitutes notification. In the case of joint ownership of a motor vehicle, the traffic citation must be mailed to the first name appearing on the registration, unless the first name appearing on the registration is a business organization, in which case the second name appearing on the registration may be used. A citation issued under this paragraph must be mailed to the registered owner of the motor

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vehicle involved in the violation within 14 days after the date of issuance of the violation. In addition to the citation, notification must be sent to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation specifying remedies available under ss. 318.14(12) and 318.18(7).

- (c) The owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation is responsible and liable for payment of a citation issued for failure to pay a toll, unless the owner can establish the motor vehicle was, at the time of the violation, in the care, custody, or control of another person. In order to establish such facts, the owner of the motor vehicle is required, within 14 days after the date of issuance of the citation, to furnish to the appropriate governmental entity an affidavit setting forth:
- 1. The name, address, date of birth, and, if known, the driver license number of the person who leased, rented, or otherwise had the care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle at the time of the alleged violation; or
- 2. If stolen, the police report indicating that the vehicle was stolen at the time of the alleged violation.

Upon receipt of an affidavit the person designated as having care, custody, and control of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation may be issued a citation for failure to pay a required toll. The affidavit shall be admissible in a proceeding pursuant to this section for the purpose of providing that the person identified in the affidavit was in actual care,

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custody, or control of the motor vehicle. The owner of a leased vehicle for which a citation is issued for failure to pay a toll is not responsible for payment of the citation and is not required to submit an affidavit as specified in this subsection if the motor vehicle involved in the violation is registered in the name of the lessee of such motor vehicle.

- (d) A written report of a toll enforcement officer to photographic evidence that a required toll was not paid is admissible in any proceeding to enforce this section and raises a rebuttable presumption that the motor vehicle named in the report or shown in the photographic evidence was used in violation of this section.
- Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 316.192, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 316.192 Reckless driving.--
- (1) (a) Any person who drives any vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property is guilty of reckless driving.
- (b) Fleeing a law enforcement officer in a motor vehicle is reckless driving per se.
- Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 316.1955, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 316.1955 Enforcement of parking requirements for persons who have disabilities.--
- (1) It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand, or park a vehicle within, or to obstruct, any such specially designated and marked parking space provided in accordance with s.

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553.5041, unless the vehicle displays a disabled parking permit issued under s. 316.1958 or s. 320.0848 or a license plate issued under s. 320.084, s. 320.0842, s. 320.0843, or s. 320.0845, and the vehicle is transporting the person to whom the displayed permit is issued. The violation may not be dismissed for failure of the marking on the parking space to comply with s. 553.5041 if the space is in general compliance and is clearly distinguishable as a designated accessible parking space for people who have disabilities. Only a warning may be issued for unlawfully parking in a space designated for persons with disabilities if there is no above-grade sign as provided in s. 553.5041.

- (a) Whenever a law enforcement officer, a parking enforcement specialist, or the owner or lessee of the space finds a vehicle in violation of this subsection, that officer, owner, or lessor shall have the vehicle in violation removed to any lawful parking space or facility or require the operator or other person in charge of the vehicle immediately to remove the unauthorized vehicle from the parking space. Whenever any vehicle is removed under this section to a storage lot, garage, or other safe parking space, the cost of the removal and parking constitutes a lien against the vehicle.
- (b) The officer or specialist shall charge the operator or other person in charge of the vehicle in violation with a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as provided in s. 316.008(4) or s. 318.18(6). The owner of a leased vehicle is not

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responsible for a violation of this section if the vehicle is registered in the name of the lessee.

- (c) All convictions for violations of this section must be reported to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles by the clerk of the court.
- (d) A law enforcement officer or a parking enforcement specialist has the right to demand to be shown the person's disabled parking permit and driver's license or state identification card when investigating the possibility of a violation of this section. If such a request is refused, the person in charge of the vehicle may be charged with resisting an officer without violence, as provided in s. 843.02.

Section 11. Section 316.2015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.2015 Unlawful for person to ride on exterior of vehicle.--

(1) It is unlawful for any operator of a passenger vehicle to permit any person to ride on the bumper, radiator, fender, hood, top, trunk, or running board of such vehicle when operated upon any street or highway which is maintained by the state, county, or municipality. However, the operator of any vehicle shall not be in violation of this section when such operator permits any person to occupy seats securely affixed to the exterior of such vehicle. Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection shall be cited for a moving violation, punishable as provided in chapter 318.

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- (2) (a) No person shall ride on any vehicle upon any portion thereof not designed or intended for the use of passengers. This paragraph does not apply to an employee of a fire department, an employee of a governmentally operated solid waste disposal department or a waste disposal service operating pursuant to a contract with a governmental entity, or to a volunteer firefighter when the employee or firefighter is engaged in the necessary discharge of a duty, and does not apply to a person who is being transported in response to an emergency by a public agency or pursuant to the direction or authority of a public agency. This paragraph does provision shall not apply to an employee engaged in the necessary discharge of a duty or to a person or persons riding within truck bodies in space intended for merchandise.
- (b) It is unlawful for any operator of a pickup truck or flatbed truck to permit a minor child who has not attained 18 years of age to ride upon limited access facilities of the state within the open body of a pickup truck or flatbed truck unless the minor is restrained within the open body in the back of a truck that has been modified to include secure seating and safety restraints to prevent the passenger from being thrown, falling, or jumping from the truck. This paragraph does not apply in a medical emergency if the child is accompanied within the truck by an adult. A county is exempt from this paragraph if the governing body of the county, by majority vote, following a noticed public hearing, votes to exempt the county from this paragraph.

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- (c) Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection shall be cited for a nonmoving violation, punishable as provided in chapter 318.
- (3) This section shall not apply to a performer engaged in a professional exhibition or person participating in an exhibition or parade, or any such person preparing to participate in such exhibitions or parades.

Section 12. Subsection (1) section 316.2095, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 316.2095 Footrests, handholds, and handlebars.--
- (1) Any motorcycle carrying a passenger, other than in a sidecar or enclosed cab, shall be equipped with footrests and handholds for such passenger.
- Section 13. Effective January 1, 2007, present subsection (6) of section 316.211, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), and a new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:
 - 316.211 Equipment for motorcycle and moped riders.--
- (6) Each motorcycle registered to a person under 21 years of age must display a license plate that is unique in design and color.
- Section 14. Section 316.2123, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 316.2123 Operation of an ATV on certain roadways.--
- (1) The operation of an ATV, as defined in s. 317.0003, upon the public roads or streets of this state is prohibited, except that an ATV may be operated during the daytime on an

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unpaved roadway where the posted speed limit is less than 35 miles per hour by a licensed driver or by a minor under the supervision of a licensed driver. The operator must provide proof of ownership pursuant to chapter 317 upon request by a law enforcement officer.

(2) A county is exempt from this section if the governing body of the county, by majority vote, following a noticed public hearing, votes to exempt the county from this section.

Section 15. Subsection (3) is added to section 316.2125, Florida Statutes, to read:

316.2125 Operation of golf carts within a retirement community.--

(3) A local governmental entity may enact an ordinance regarding golf cart operation and equipment which is more restrictive than those enumerated in this section. Upon enactment of any such ordinance, the local governmental entity shall post appropriate signs or otherwise inform the residents that such an ordinance exists and that it shall be enforced within the local government's jurisdictional territory. An ordinance referred to in this section must apply only to an unlicensed driver.

Section 16. Section 316.2128, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 316.2128 Operation of motorized scooters and miniature motorcycles; requirements for sales.--
- (1) A person who engages in the business of, serves in the capacity of, or acts as a commercial seller of motorized

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scooters or miniature motorcycles in this state must prominently display at his or her place of business a notice that such vehicles are not legal to operate on public roads or sidewalks and may not be registered as motor vehicles. The required notice must also appear in all forms of advertising offering motorized scooters or miniature motorcycles for sale. The notice and a copy of this section must also be provided to a consumer prior to the consumer's purchasing or becoming obligated to purchase a motorized scooter or a miniature motorcycle.

(2) Any person selling or offering a motorized scooter or a miniature motorcycle for sale in violation of this subsection commits an unfair and deceptive trade practice as defined in part II of chapter 501.

Section 17. Subsection (2) of section 316.221, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.221 Taillamps.--

(2) Either a taillamp or a separate lamp shall be so constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light the rear registration plate and render it clearly legible from a distance of 50 feet to the rear. Any taillamp or taillamps, together with any separate lamp or lamps for illuminating the rear registration plate, shall be so wired as to be lighted whenever the headlamps or auxiliary driving lamps are lighted. Dump trucks and vehicles having dump bodies are exempt from the requirements of this subsection.

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Section 18. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1), paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (f), and (i) of subsection (2), and subsection (3) of section 316.302, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.302 Commercial motor vehicles; safety regulations; transporters and shippers of hazardous materials; enforcement.-(1)

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, all owners or drivers of commercial motor vehicles that are engaged in intrastate commerce are subject to the rules and regulations contained in 49 C.F.R. parts 382, 385, and 390-397, with the exception of 49 C.F.R. s. 390.5 as it relates to the definition of bus, as such rules and regulations existed on October 1, 2005 2004.

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- (b) Except as provided in 49 C.F.R. s. 395.1, a person who operates a commercial motor vehicle solely in intrastate commerce not transporting any hazardous material in amounts that require placarding pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 172 may not drive:
- 1. More than 12 hours following 10 consecutive hours off duty; or
- 2. For any period after the end of the 16th hour after coming on duty following 10 consecutive hours off duty. is exempt from 49 C.F.R. s. 395.3(a) and (b) and may, after 8 hours' rest, and following the required initial motor vehicle inspection, be permitted to drive any part of the first 15 onduty hours in any 24 hour period, but may not be permitted to

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operate a commercial motor vehicle after that until the requirement of another 8 hours' rest has been fulfilled.

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The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to drivers of utility service vehicles as defined in 49 C.F.R. s. 395.2.

public utility vehicles or authorized emergency vehicles during periods of severe weather or other emergencies.

Except as provided in 49 C.F.R. s. 395.1, a person who operates a commercial motor vehicle solely in intrastate commerce not transporting any hazardous material in amounts that require placarding pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 172 may not drive after having been on duty more than 70 hours in any period of 7 consecutive days or more than 80 hours in any period of 8 consecutive days if the motor carrier operates every day of the week. Thirty-four be on duty more than 72 hours in any period of 7 consecutive days, but carriers operating every day in a week may permit drivers to remain on duty for a total of not more than 84 hours in any period of 8 consecutive days; however, 24 consecutive hours off duty shall constitute the end of any such period of 7 or 8 consecutive days. This weekly limit does not apply to a person who operates a commercial motor vehicle solely within this state while transporting, during harvest periods, any unprocessed agricultural products or unprocessed food or fiber that is are subject to seasonal harvesting from place of harvest to the first place of processing or storage or from place of harvest directly to market or while transporting livestock, livestock feed, or farm supplies directly related to

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growing or harvesting agricultural products. Upon request of the Department of Transportation, motor carriers shall furnish time records or other written verification to that department so that the Department of Transportation can determine compliance with this subsection. These time records must be furnished to the Department of Transportation within 2 10 days after receipt of that department's request. Falsification of such information is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$100. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to drivers of public utility service vehicles as defined in 49 C.F.R. s. 395.2. or authorized emergency vehicles during periods of severe weather or other emergencies.

- (d) A person who operates a commercial motor vehicle solely in intrastate commerce not transporting any hazardous material in amounts that require placarding pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 172 within a 150 200 air-mile radius of the location where the vehicle is based need not comply with 49 C.F.R. s. 395.8, if the requirements of 49 C.F.R. s. 395.1(e)(1)(iii) and (v) are met. If a driver is not released from duty within 12 hours after the driver arrives for duty, the motor carrier must maintain documentation of the driver's driving times throughout the duty period except that time records shall be maintained as prescribed in 49 C.F.R. s. 395.1(e)(5).
- (f) A person who operates a commercial motor vehicle having a declared gross vehicle weight of less than <u>26,001</u> <u>26,000</u> pounds solely in intrastate commerce and who is not transporting hazardous materials in amounts that require

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placarding pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 172, or who is transporting petroleum products as defined in s. 376.301, is exempt from subsection (1). However, such person must comply with 49 C.F.R. parts 382, 392, and 393, and with 49 C.F.R. ss. 396.3(a)(1) and 396.9.

- (i) A person who was a regularly employed driver of a commercial motor vehicle on July 4, 1987, and whose driving record shows no traffic convictions, pursuant to s. 322.61, during the 2-year period immediately preceding the application for the commercial driver's license, and who is otherwise qualified as a driver under 49 C.F.R. part 391, and who operates a commercial vehicle in intrastate commerce only, shall be exempt from the requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 391, subpart E, s. 391.41(b)(10). However, such operators are still subject to the requirements of ss. 322.12 and 322.121. As proof of eligibility, such driver shall have in his or her possession a physical examination form dated within the past 24 months.
- (3) A person who has not attained under the age of 18 years of age may not operate a commercial motor vehicle, except that a person who has not attained under the age of 18 years of age may operate a commercial motor vehicle which has a gross vehicle weight of less than 26,001 26,000 pounds while transporting agricultural products, including horticultural or forestry products, from farm or harvest place to storage or market.
- Section 19. Subsections (5) and (10) of section 316.515, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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- 316.515 Maximum width, height, length.--
- (5) IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY; AGRICULTURAL TRAILERS; FORESTRY EQUIPMENT; SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.--
- Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, straight trucks, agricultural tractors, and cotton module movers, not exceeding 50 feet in length, or any combination of up to and including three implements of husbandry, including the towing power unit, and any single agricultural trailer with a load thereon or any agricultural implements attached to a towing power unit not exceeding 130 inches in width, or a selfpropelled agricultural implement or an agricultural tractor not exceeding 130 inches in width, is authorized for the purpose of transporting peanuts, grains, soybeans, cotton, hay, straw, or other perishable farm products from their point of production to the first point of change of custody or of long-term storage, and for the purpose of returning to such point of production, or for the purpose of moving such tractors, movers, and implements from one point of agricultural production to another, by a person engaged in the production of any such product or custom hauler, if such vehicle or combination of vehicles otherwise complies with this section. The Department of Transportation may issue overwidth permits for implements of husbandry greater than 130 inches, but not more than 170 inches, in width. Such vehicles shall be operated in accordance with all safety requirements prescribed by law and Department of Transportation rules. The Department of Transportation may issue overlength permits for cotton module movers greater than 50 feet but not

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more than 55 feet in overall length. <u>Such vehicles shall be</u>

<u>operated in accordance with all safety requirements prescribed</u>

<u>by law and rules of the Department of Transportation.</u>

- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, equipment not exceeding 136 inches in width and not capable of speeds exceeding 20 miles per hour which is used exclusively for harvesting forestry products is authorized for the purpose of transporting equipment from one point of harvest to another point of harvest, not to exceed 10 miles, by a person engaged in the harvesting of forestry products. Such vehicles must be operated during daylight hours only, in accordance with all safety requirements prescribed by s. 316.2295(5) and (6).
- (10) AUTOMOBILE TOWAWAY AND DRIVEAWAY OPERATIONS.--An automobile towaway or driveaway operation transporting new or used trucks may use what is known to the trade as "saddle mounts—" if the overall length does not exceed 97 75 feet and no more than three saddle mounts are towed. Such combinations may include one full mount. Saddle mount combinations must also comply with the applicable safety regulations in 49 C.F.R. s. 393.71.
- Section 20. Subsection (9) of section 318.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 318.14 Noncriminal traffic infractions; exception; procedures.--
- (9) Any person who does not hold a commercial driver's license and who is cited for an infraction under this section other than a violation of s. 316.183(2), s. 316.187, or s.

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316.189 when the driver exceeds the posted limit by 30 miles per hour or more, s. 320.0605, s. 320.07(3)(a) or (b), s. 322.065, s. 322.15(1), s. 322.61, or s. 322.62 may, in lieu of a court appearance, elect to attend in the location of his or her choice within this state a basic driver improvement course approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. In such a case, adjudication must be withheld; points, as provided by s. 322.27, may not be assessed; and the civil penalty that is imposed by s. 318.18(3) must be reduced by 18 percent; however, a person may not make an election under this subsection if the person has made an election under this subsection in the preceding 12 months. A person may make no more than five elections under this subsection. The requirement for community service under s. 318.18(8) is not waived by a plea of nolo contendere or by the withholding of adjudication of guilt by a court.

Section 21. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (1) of section 318.143, Florida Statutes, to read:

- 318.143 Sanctions for infractions by minors.--
- (1) If the court finds that a minor has committed a violation of any of the provisions of chapter 316, the court may also impose one or more of the following sanctions:
- (f) The court may require the minor and his or her parents or guardians to participate in a registered youthful driver monitoring service as described in s. 318.1435.
- Section 22. Section 318.1435, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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318.1435 Youthful driver monitoring services.--

- (1) As used in this section, the term "youthful driver monitoring service" means an entity that enables parents or guardians to monitor the driving performance of their minor children. The service may provide monitoring by posting on a vehicle a placard that shows a toll-free telephone number and a unique identifying number and includes a request to members of the public to call the toll-free telephone number to report inappropriate driving practices. The service shall enter into a contract with the parents or guardians under which the service shall timely forward to the parents or guardians all reports of inappropriate driving practices by the minor child.
- (2) A youthful driver monitoring service may register with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The registration must consist of a narrative description of the services offered by the youthful driver monitoring service, the name of the manager in charge of the service, the address of the service, and the telephone number of the service. Registration under this subsection remains valid indefinitely, but it is the responsibility of the youthful driver monitoring service to timely file a revised registration statement to reflect any changes in the required information. If the department determines that the youthful driver monitoring service is not providing the services described in the narrative statement, the department may suspend the registration; however, the department must reinstate the registration when the service files a revised statement that reflects its actual practices.

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Section 23. Subsection (2) of section 318.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 318.15 Failure to comply with civil penalty or to appear; penalty.--
- After suspension of the driver's license and privilege to drive of a person under subsection (1), the license and privilege may not be reinstated until the person complies with all obligations and penalties imposed on him or her under s. 318.18 and presents to a driver license office a certificate of compliance issued by the court, together with a nonrefundable service charge of up to \$47.50 imposed under s. 322.29, or presents a certificate of compliance and pays the aforementioned service charge of up to \$47.50 to the clerk of the court or a driver licensing agent authorized in s. 322.135 tax collector clearing such suspension. Of the charge collected by the clerk of the court or driver licensing agent the tax collector, \$10 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. Such person shall also be in compliance with requirements of chapter 322 prior to reinstatement.
- Section 24. Subsections (3) and (12) of section 318.18, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 318.18 Amount of civil penalties.--The penalties required for a noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 are as follows:
- (3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, \$60 for all moving violations not requiring a mandatory appearance.

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1044	(b) For moving violations involving unlawful speed, the
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1055	(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), a person cited for
1056	exceeding the speed limit by up to 5 m.p.h. in a legally posted
1057	school zone will be fined \$50. A person exceeding the speed
1058	limit in a school zone shall pay a fine double the amount listed
1059	in paragraph (b).
1060	(d) A person cited for exceeding the speed limit in a
1061	posted construction zone shall pay a fine double the amount
1062	listed in paragraph (b). The fine shall be doubled for
1063	construction zone violations only if construction personnel are
1064	present or operating equipment on the road or immediately
1065	adjacent to the road under construction.
1066	(e) If a violation of s. 316.1301 or s. 316.1303 results
1067	in an injury to the pedestrian or damage to the property of the

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pedestrian, an additional fine of up to \$250 shall be paid. This

amount must be distributed pursuant to s. 318.21.

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- (f) A person cited for exceeding the speed limit within a zone posted for any electronic or manual toll collection facility shall pay a fine double the amount listed in paragraph (b). However, no person cited for exceeding the speed limit in any toll collection zone shall be subject to a doubled fine unless the governmental entity or authority controlling the toll collection zone first installs a traffic control device providing warning that speeding fines are doubled. Any such traffic control device must meet the requirements of the uniform system of traffic control devices.
- (g) A person cited for a second or subsequent conviction of speed exceeding the limit by 30 miles per hour and above within a 12-month period shall pay a fine that is double the amount listed in paragraph (b). For purposes of this paragraph, the term "conviction" means a finding of guilt as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty.

 Moneys received from the increased fine imposed by this paragraph shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue and deposited into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund to provide financial support to certified trauma centers to assure the availability and accessibility of trauma services throughout the state. Funds deposited into the Administrative Trust Fund under this section shall be allocated as follows:
- 1. Fifty percent shall be allocated equally among all Level I, Level II, and pediatric trauma centers in recognition of readiness costs for maintaining trauma services.

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- 2. Fifty percent shall be allocated among Level I, Level II, and pediatric trauma centers based on each center's relative volume of trauma cases as reported in the Department of Health Trauma Registry.
- (12) Two One hundred dollars for a violation of s. 316.520(1) or (2). If, at a hearing, the alleged offender is found to have committed this offense, the court shall impose a minimum civil penalty of \$200 \$100. For a second or subsequent adjudication within a period of 5 years, the department shall suspend the driver's license of the person for not less than 1 year 180 days and not more than 2 years 1 year.
- Section 25. Section 318.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 318.19 Infractions requiring a mandatory hearing.--Any person cited for the infractions listed in this section shall not have the provisions of s. 318.14(2), (4), and (9) available to him or her but must appear before the designated official at the time and location of the scheduled hearing:
- (1) Any infraction which results in a crash that causes the death of another;
- (2) Any infraction which results in a crash that causes "serious bodily injury" of another as defined in s. 316.1933(1);
 - (3) Any infraction of s. 316.172(1)(b); or
 - (4) Any infraction of s. 316.520(1) or (2); or
- 1120 (5) Any infraction of s. 316.183(2), s. 316.187, or s. 1121 316.189 of exceeding the speed limit by 30 m.p.h. or more.

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Section 26. Subsection (1) of section 318.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318.32 Jurisdiction; limitations.--

- (1) Hearing officers shall be empowered to accept pleas from and decide the guilt or innocence of any person, adult or juvenile, charged with any civil traffic infraction and shall be empowered to adjudicate or withhold adjudication of guilt in the same manner as a county court judge under the statutes, rules, and procedures presently existing or as subsequently amended, except that hearing officers shall not:
- (a) Have the power to hold a defendant in contempt of court, but shall be permitted to file a motion for order of contempt with the appropriate state trial court judge;
- (b) Hear a case involving a crash resulting in injury or death;
- (c) Hear a criminal traffic offense case or a case involving a civil traffic infraction issued in conjunction with a criminal traffic offense; or
- (d) Have the power to suspend $\underline{\text{or revoke}}$ a defendant's driver's license pursuant to s. 316.655(2).
- Section 27. Subsection (1) of section 320.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 320.015 Taxation of mobile homes.--
- (1) A mobile home, as defined in s. 320.01(2), regardless of its actual use, shall be subject only to a license tax unless classified and taxed as real property. A mobile home is to be considered real property only when the owner of the mobile home

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is also the owner of the land on which the mobile home is situated and said mobile home is permanently affixed thereto. Any prefabricated or modular housing unit or portion thereof not manufactured upon an integral chassis or undercarriage for travel over the highways shall be taxed as real property once it is permanently affixed to real property. This subsection does not apply to a display home or other inventory being held for sale by a manufacturer or dealer of modular housing units even though transported over the highways to a site for erection or use.

Section 28. Effective July 1, 2008, subsection (1) of section 320.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.02 Registration required; application for registration; forms.--

owner or person in charge of a motor vehicle that which is operated or driven on the roads of this state shall register the vehicle in this state. The owner or person in charge shall apply to the department or to its authorized agent for registration of each such vehicle on a form prescribed by the department. Prior to the original registration of a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped, the owner, if a natural person, must present proof that he or she has a valid motorcycle endorsement as required in chapter 322. A No registration is not required for any motor vehicle that which is not operated on the roads of this state during the registration period.

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Section 29. Subsection (8) of section 320.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors; International Registration Plan.--

If the applicant's name appears on the list referred to in s. 316.1001(4), s. 316.1967(6), or s. 713.78(13), a license plate or revalidation sticker may not be issued until that person's name no longer appears on the list or until the person presents a receipt from the clerk showing that the fines outstanding have been paid. This subsection does not apply to the owner of a leased vehicle if the vehicle is registered in the name of the lessee of the vehicle. The tax collector and the clerk of the court are each entitled to receive monthly, as costs for implementing and administering this subsection, 10 percent of the civil penalties and fines recovered from such persons. As used in this subsection, the term "civil penalties and fines" does not include a wrecker operator's lien as described in s. 713.78(13). If the tax collector has private tag agents, such tag agents are entitled to receive a pro rata share of the amount paid to the tax collector, based upon the percentage of license plates and revalidation stickers issued by the tag agent compared to the total issued within the county. The authority of any private agent to issue license plates shall be revoked, after notice and a hearing as provided in chapter 120, if he or she issues any license plate or revalidation sticker contrary to the provisions of this subsection. This section applies only to the annual renewal in the owner's birth

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month of a motor vehicle registration and does not apply to the transfer of a registration of a motor vehicle sold by a motor vehicle dealer licensed under this chapter, except for the transfer of registrations which is inclusive of the annual renewals. This section does not affect the issuance of the title to a motor vehicle, notwithstanding s. 319.23(7)(b).

Section 30. Section 320.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.07 Expiration of registration; annual renewal required; penalties.--

- (1) The registration of a motor vehicle or mobile home shall expire at midnight on the last day of the registration period. A vehicle shall not be operated on the roads of this state after expiration of the renewal period unless the registration has been renewed according to law.
- (2) Registration shall be renewed annually during the applicable renewal period, upon payment of the applicable license tax amount required by s. 320.08, service charges required by s. 320.04, and any additional fees required by law. However, any person owning a motor vehicle registered under s. 320.08(4), (6)(b), or (13) may register semiannually as provided in s. 320.0705.
- (3) The operation of any motor vehicle without having attached thereto a registration license plate and validation stickers, or the use of any mobile home without having attached thereto a mobile home sticker, for the current registration period shall subject the owner thereof, if he or she is present,

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or, if the owner is not present, the operator thereof to the following penalty provisions:

- (a) Any person whose motor vehicle or mobile home registration has been expired for a period of 6 months or less commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.
- (b) Any person whose motor vehicle or mobile home registration has been expired for more than 6 months shall upon a first offense be subject to the penalty provided in s. 318.14.
- (c) Any person whose motor vehicle or mobile home registration has been expired for more than 6 months shall upon a second or subsequent offense be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (d) However, no operator shall be charged with a violation of this subsection if the operator can show, pursuant to a valid lease agreement, that the vehicle had been leased for a period of 30 days or less at the time of the offense.
- (e) Any servicemember, as defined in s. 250.01, whose mobile home registration has expired while serving on active duty or state active duty shall not be charged with a violation of this subsection if, at the time of the offense, the servicemember was serving on active duty or state active duty 35 miles or more from the mobile home. The servicemember must present to the department either a copy of the official military orders or a written verification signed by the servicemember's commanding officer to waive charges.

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- (f) The owner of a leased motor vehicle is not responsible for any penalty specified in this subsection if the motor vehicle is registered in the name of the lessee of the motor vehicle.
- (4) (a) In addition to a penalty provided in subsection (3), a delinquent fee based on the following schedule of license taxes shall be imposed on any applicant who fails to renew a registration prior to the end of the month in which renewal registration is due. The delinquent fee shall be applied beginning on the 11th calendar day of the month succeeding the renewal period. The delinquent fee shall not apply to those vehicles which have not been required to be registered during the preceding registration period or as provided in s.
- 320.18(2). The delinquent fee shall be imposed as follows:
 - 1. License tax of \$5 but not more than \$25: \$5 flat.
 - 2. License tax over \$25 but not more than \$50: \$10 flat.
 - 3. License tax over \$50 but not more than \$100: \$15 flat.
 - 4. License tax over \$100 but not more than \$400: \$50 flat.
- 5. License tax over \$400 but not more than \$600: \$100 flat.
 - 6. License tax over \$600 and up: \$250 flat.
- (b) A person who has been assessed a penalty pursuant to s. 316.545(2)(b) for failure to have a valid vehicle registration certificate is not subject to the delinquent fee authorized by this subsection if such person obtains a valid registration certificate within 10 working days after such penalty was assessed. The official receipt authorized by s.

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- 1283 316.545(6) constitutes proof of payment of the penalty 1284 authorized in s. 316.545(2)(b).
 - (c) The owner of a leased motor vehicle is not responsible for any delinquent fee specified in this subsection if the motor vehicle is registered in the name of the lessee of the motor vehicle.
 - motor vehicle or mobile home registration has expired while serving on active duty or state active duty, shall be able to renew his or her registration upon return from active duty or state active duty without penalty, if the servicemember served on active duty or state active duty 35 miles or more from the servicemember's home of record prior to entering active duty or state active duty. The servicemember must provide to the department either a copy of the official military orders or a written verification signed by the servicemember's commanding officer to waive delinquent fees.
 - (6) Delinquent fees imposed under this section shall not be apportionable under the International Registration Plan.
 - Section 31. Section 320.0706, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 320.0706 Display of license plates on trucks.--The owner of any commercial truck of gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more shall display the registration license plate on both the front and rear of the truck in conformance with all the requirements of s. 316.605 that do not conflict with this section. The owner of a dump truck may place the rear license

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1310 plate on the gate no higher than 60 inches to allow for better visibility. However, the owner of a truck tractor shall be 1311 required to display the registration license plate only on the 1312 front of such vehicle. 1313 Section 32. Paragraph (eee) is added to subsection (4) of 1314 1315 section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 2005-357, Laws of Florida, and paragraph (a) of 1316 subsection (8) of that section is amended, to read: 1317 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--1318 The following license plate annual use fees shall be 1319 collected for the appropriate specialty license plates: 1320 1321 (eee) Future Farmers of America license plate, \$25. 1322 (8)(a) The department must discontinue the issuance of an 1323 approved specialty license plate if the number of valid specialty plate registrations falls below 1,000 plates for at 1324 1325 least 12 consecutive months. A warning letter shall be mailed to 1326 the sponsoring organization following the first month in which the total number of valid specialty plate registrations is below 1327 1328 1,000 plates. This paragraph does not apply to collegiate 1329 license plates established under s. 320.08058(3). 1330 Section 33. Subsection (57) is added to section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read: 1331 1332 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--1333 (57) FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA LICENSE PLATES.--Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 320.08053, the (a) 1334 1335 department shall develop a Future Farmers of America license plate as provided in this section. Future Farmers of America

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license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Agricultural Education" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

- (b) The license plate annual use fee shall be distributed quarterly to the Florida Future Farmers of America Foundation,

 Inc., to fund activities and services of the Future Farmers of America.
- (c) The Florida Future Farmers of America Foundation,
 Inc., shall retain all revenue from the annual use fees until
 all startup costs for developing and establishing the plates
 have been recovered. Thereafter, up to 10 percent of the annual
 use fee revenue may be used for administrative, handling, and
 disbursement expenses and up to 5 percent may be used for
 advertising and marketing costs. All remaining annual use fee
 revenue shall be used by the Florida Future Farmers of America
 Foundation, Inc., to fund its activities, programs, and
 projects, including, but not limited to, student and teacher
 leadership programs, the Foundation for Leadership Training
 Center, teacher recruitment and retention, and other special
 projects.

Section 34. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.089 Members of National Guard and active United States Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients; Operation Iraqi

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Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; special license plates; fee.--

- Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for (1)(a) private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and an active or retired member of the Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, or an active or retired member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces Reserve shall, upon application to the department, accompanied by proof of active membership or retired status in the Florida National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart medal recipient, or proof of active or retired membership in any branch of the Armed Forces Reserve, and upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06, upon which, in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran, " or "U.S. Reserve, " as appropriate, followed by the serial number of the license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually

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thereafter, the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from the sale of license plates issued under this section which are stamped with the words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," or "U.S. Reserve" shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law for that trust fund.

- (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate or a Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a disabled veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be issued the appropriate special license plate without payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.
- (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and who is a former prisoner of war, or their unremarried surviving spouse, shall, upon application therefor to the department, be issued a license plate as provided in s. 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Ex-POW" followed by the serial number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant meets the qualifications specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).
- (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of a nation allied with the United States who was held as a

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prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in this subsection without payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

- (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the consent of the United States Government, or a person who was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was not a United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when the Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in this subsection upon payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.
- (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident of this state and who is the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall, upon application therefor to the department, with the payment of the required fees, be issued a license plate as provided in s. 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Purple Heart" and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by the serial number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

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The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for (4)private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d) which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident of the state and a current or former member of the United States military who was deployed and served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom or in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom shall, upon application to the department, accompanied by proof of active membership or former active duty status during one of these operations, and upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the words "Operation Iraqi Freedom" or "Operation Enduring Freedom," as appropriate, followed by the registration license number of the plate.

Section 35. Subsection (4) and paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of section 320.27, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

320.27 Motor vehicle dealers.--

- (4) LICENSE CERTIFICATE. --
- (a) A license certificate shall be issued by the department in accordance with such application when the application is regular in form and in compliance with the provisions of this section. The license certificate may be in the form of a document or a computerized card as determined by the department. The actual cost of each original, additional, or

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replacement computerized card shall be borne by the licensee and is in addition to the fee for licensure. Such license, when so issued, entitles the licensee to carry on and conduct the business of a motor vehicle dealer. Each license issued to a franchise motor vehicle dealer expires annually on December 31 unless revoked or suspended prior to that date. Each license issued to an independent or wholesale dealer or auction expires annually on April 30 unless revoked or suspended prior to that date. Not less than 60 days prior to the license expiration date, the department shall deliver or mail to each licensee the necessary renewal forms. Each independent dealer shall certify that the dealer principal (owner, partner, officer of the corporation, or director of the licensee, or a full-time employee of the licensee that holds a responsible managementlevel position) has completed 8 hours of continuing education prior to filing the renewal forms with the department. Such certification shall be filed once every 2 years commencing with the 2006 renewal period. The continuing education shall include at least 2 hours of legal or legislative issues, 1 hour of department issues, and 5 hours of relevant motor vehicle industry topics. Continuing education shall be provided by dealer schools licensed under paragraph (b) either in a classroom setting or by correspondence. Such schools shall provide certificates of completion to the department and the customer which shall be filed with the license renewal form, and such schools may charge a fee for providing continuing education. Any licensee who does not file his or her application

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and fees and any other requisite documents, as required by law, with the department at least 30 days prior to the license expiration date shall cease to engage in business as a motor vehicle dealer on the license expiration date. A renewal filed with the department within 45 days after the expiration date shall be accompanied by a delinquent fee of \$100. Thereafter, a new application is required, accompanied by the initial license fee. A license certificate duly issued by the department may be modified by endorsement to show a change in the name of the licensee, provided, as shown by affidavit of the licensee, the majority ownership interest of the licensee has not changed or the name of the person appearing as franchisee on the sales and service agreement has not changed. Modification of a license certificate to show any name change as herein provided shall not require initial licensure or reissuance of dealer tags; however, any dealer obtaining a name change shall transact all business in and be properly identified by that name. All documents relative to licensure shall reflect the new name. In the case of a franchise dealer, the name change shall be approved by the manufacturer, distributor, or importer. A licensee applying for a name change endorsement shall pay a fee of \$25 which fee shall apply to the change in the name of a main location and all additional locations licensed under the provisions of subsection (5). Each initial license application received by the department shall be accompanied by verification that, within the preceding 6 months, the applicant, or one or more of his or her designated employees, has attended a training and information seminar

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conducted by a licensed motor vehicle dealer training school.

Any applicant for a new franchised motor vehicle dealer license who has held a valid franchised motor vehicle dealer license continuously for the past 2 years and who remains in good standing with the department is exempt from the prelicensing training requirement. Such seminar shall include, but is not limited to, statutory dealer requirements, which requirements include required bookkeeping and recordkeeping procedures, requirements for the collection of sales and use taxes, and such other information that in the opinion of the department will promote good business practices. No seminar may exceed 8 hours in length.

(b) Each initial license application received by the department for licensure under subparagraph (1)(c)2. must be accompanied by verification that, within the preceding 6 months, the applicant (owner, partner, officer of the corporation, or director of the applicant, or a full-time employee of the applicant that holds a responsible management-level position) has successfully completed training conducted by a licensed motor vehicle dealer training school. Such training must include training in titling and registration of motor vehicles, laws relating to unfair and deceptive trade practices, laws relating to financing with regard to buy-here, pay-here operations, and such other information that in the opinion of the department will promote good business practices. Successful completion of this training shall be determined by examination administered at the end of the course and attendance of no less

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than 90 percent of the total hours required by such school. applicant who had held a valid motor vehicle dealer's license within the past 2 years and who remains in good standing with the department is exempt from the requirements of this paragraph. In the case of nonresident applicants, the requirement to attend such training shall be placed on any employee of the licensee who holds a responsible managementlevel position and who is employed full time at the motor vehicle dealership. The department shall have the authority to adopt any rule necessary for establishing the training curriculum; length of training, which shall not exceed 8 hours for required department topics and shall not exceed an additional 24 hours for topics related to other regulatory agencies' instructor qualifications; and any other requirements under this section. The curriculum for other subjects shall be approved by any and all other regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over specific subject matters; however, the overall administration of the licensing of these dealer schools and their instructors shall remain with the department. schools are authorized to charge a fee. This privatized method for training applicants for dealer licensing pursuant to subparagraph (1)(c)2. is a pilot program that shall be evaluated by the department after it has been in operation for a period of 2 years.

- (9) DENIAL, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION. --
- (b) The department may deny, suspend, or revoke any license issued hereunder or under the provisions of s. 320.77 or

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- s. 320.771 upon proof that a licensee has committed, with sufficient frequency so as to establish a pattern of wrongdoing on the part of a licensee, violations of one or more of the following activities:
- 1. Representation that a demonstrator is a new motor vehicle, or the attempt to sell or the sale of a demonstrator as a new motor vehicle without written notice to the purchaser that the vehicle is a demonstrator. For the purposes of this section, a "demonstrator," a "new motor vehicle," and a "used motor vehicle" shall be defined as under s. 320.60.
- 2. Unjustifiable refusal to comply with a licensee's responsibility under the terms of the new motor vehicle warranty issued by its respective manufacturer, distributor, or importer. However, if such refusal is at the direction of the manufacturer, distributor, or importer, such refusal shall not be a ground under this section.
- 3. Misrepresentation or false, deceptive, or misleading statements with regard to the sale or financing of motor vehicles which any motor vehicle dealer has, or causes to have, advertised, printed, displayed, published, distributed, broadcast, televised, or made in any manner with regard to the sale or financing of motor vehicles.
- 4. Failure by any motor vehicle dealer to provide a customer or purchaser with an odometer disclosure statement and a copy of any bona fide written, executed sales contract or agreement of purchase connected with the purchase of the motor vehicle purchased by the customer or purchaser.

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- 5. Failure of any motor vehicle dealer to comply with the terms of any bona fide written, executed agreement, pursuant to the sale of a motor vehicle.
- 6. Failure to apply for transfer of a title as prescribed in s. 319.23(6).
- 7. Use of the dealer license identification number by any person other than the licensed dealer or his or her designee.
- 8. Failure to continually meet the requirements of the licensure law.
- 9. Representation to a customer or any advertisement to the public representing or suggesting that a motor vehicle is a new motor vehicle if such vehicle lawfully cannot be titled in the name of the customer or other member of the public by the seller using a manufacturer's statement of origin as permitted in s. 319.23(1).
- 10. Requirement by any motor vehicle dealer that a customer or purchaser accept equipment on his or her motor vehicle which was not ordered by the customer or purchaser.
- 11. Requirement by any motor vehicle dealer that any customer or purchaser finance a motor vehicle with a specific financial institution or company.
- 12. Requirement by any motor vehicle dealer that the purchaser of a motor vehicle contract with the dealer for physical damage insurance.
- 13. Perpetration of a fraud upon any person as a result of dealing in motor vehicles, including, without limitation, the misrepresentation to any person by the licensee of the

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- licensee's relationship to any manufacturer, importer, or distributor.
- 1634 14. Violation of any of the provisions of s. 319.35 by any 1635 motor vehicle dealer.
 - 15. Sale by a motor vehicle dealer of a vehicle offered in trade by a customer prior to consummation of the sale, exchange, or transfer of a newly acquired vehicle to the customer, unless the customer provides written authorization for the sale of the trade-in vehicle prior to delivery of the newly acquired vehicle.
 - 16. Willful failure to comply with any administrative rule adopted by the department or the provisions of s. 320.131(8).
 - 17. Violation of chapter 319, this chapter, or ss. 559.901-559.9221, which has to do with dealing in or repairing motor vehicles or mobile homes. Additionally, in the case of used motor vehicles, the willful violation of the federal law and rule in 15 U.S.C. s. 2304, 16 C.F.R. part 455, pertaining to the consumer sales window form.
 - 18. Failure to maintain evidence of notification to the owner or coowner of a vehicle regarding registration or titling fees owned as required in s. 320.02(19).
 - 19. Failure to register a mobile home salesperson with the department as required by this section.
 - Section 36. Subsection (5) is added to section 320.405, Florida Statutes, to read:
- 320.405 International Registration Plan; inspection of records; hearings.--

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(5) The department may enter into an agreement for scheduling the payment of taxes or penalties owed to the department as a result of an audit assessment issued under this section.

Section 37. Subsection (1) of section 320.77 is amended, present subsections (9) through (15) are redesignated as subsections (10) through (16), respectively, and a new subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:

- 320.77 License required of mobile home dealers.--
- (1) DEFINITIONS. -- As used in this section:
- (a) "Dealer" means any person engaged in the business of buying, selling, or dealing in mobile homes or offering or displaying mobile homes for sale. The term "dealer" includes a mobile home broker. Any person who buys, sells, deals in, or offers or displays for sale, or who acts as the agent for the sale of, one or more mobile homes in any 12-month period shall be prima facie presumed to be a dealer. The terms "selling" and "sale" include lease-purchase transactions. The term "dealer" does not include banks, credit unions, and finance companies that acquire mobile homes as an incident to their regular business and does not include mobile home rental and leasing companies that sell mobile homes to dealers licensed under this section. A licensed dealer may transact business in recreational vehicles with a motor vehicle auction as defined in s. 320.27(1)(c)4. Any licensed dealer dealing exclusively in mobile homes shall not have benefit of the privilege of using dealer license plates.

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- (b) "Mobile home broker" means any person who is engaged in the business of offering to procure or procuring used mobile homes for the general public; who holds himself or herself out through solicitation, advertisement, or otherwise as one who offers to procure or procures used mobile homes for the general public; or who acts as the agent or intermediary on behalf of the owner or seller of a used mobile home which is for sale or who assists or represents the seller in finding a buyer for the mobile home.
- (c)1. "Mobile home salesperson" means a person not otherwise expressly excluded by this section who:
- a. Is employed as a salesperson by a mobile home dealer, as defined in s. 320.77, or who, under any contract, agreement, or arrangement with a dealer, for a commission, money, profit, or any other thing of value, sells, exchanges, buys, or offers for sale, negotiates, or attempts to negotiate a sale or exchange of an interest in a mobile home required to be titled under this chapter;
- b. Induces or attempts to induce any person to buy or exchange an interest in a mobile home required to be registered and who receives or expects to receive a commission, money, brokerage fees, profit, or any other thing of value from the seller or purchaser of the mobile home; or
- c. Exercises managerial control over the business of a licensed mobile home dealer or who supervises mobile home salespersons employed by a licensed mobile home dealer, whether compensated by salary or commission, including, but not limited

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- to, any person who is employed by the mobile home dealer as a general manager, assistant general manager, or sales manager, or any employee of a licensed mobile home dealer who negotiates with or induces a customer to enter into a security agreement or purchase agreement or purchase order for the sale of a mobile home on behalf of the licensed mobile home dealer.
 - 2. The term does not include:
- a. A representative of an insurance company or a finance company, or a public official who, in the regular course of business, is required to dispose of or sell mobile homes under a contractual right or obligation of the employer, in the performance of an official duty, or under the authority of any court if the sale is to save the seller from any loss or pursuant to the authority of a court.
- <u>b. A person who is licensed as a manufacturer,</u>
 remanufacturer, transporter, distributor, or representative of mobile homes.
- c. A person who is licensed as a mobile home dealer under this chapter.
- d. A person not engaged in the purchase or sale of mobile homes as a business who is disposing of mobile homes acquired for his or her own use or for use in his or her business if the mobile homes were acquired and used in good faith and not for the purpose of avoiding the provisions of this chapter.
 - (9) Salespersons to be registered by licensees.--
- 1738 (a) Each licensee shall register with the department,
 1739 within 30 days after the date of hire, the name, local residence

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address, and home telephone number of each person employed by such licensee as a mobile home salesperson. A licensee may not provide a post office box in lieu of a physical residential address.

- (b) Each time a mobile home salesperson employed by a licensee changes his residence address, the salesperson must notify the department within 20 days after the change.
- (c) Quarterly, each licensee shall notify the department of the termination or separation from employment of each mobile home salesperson employed by the licensee. Each notification must be on a form prescribed by the department.

Section 38. Section 320.781, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.781 Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Protection
Trust Fund.--

- (1) There is hereby established a Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Protection Trust Fund. The trust fund shall be administered and managed by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The expenses incurred by the department in administering this section shall be paid only from appropriations made from the trust fund.
- (2) Beginning October 1, 1990, the department shall charge and collect an additional fee of \$1 for each new mobile home and new recreational vehicle title transaction for which it charges a fee. This additional fee shall be deposited into the trust fund. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall charge a fee of \$40 per annual dealer and manufacturer license

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and license renewal, which shall be deposited into the trust fund. The sums deposited in the trust fund shall be used exclusively for carrying out the purposes of this section. These sums may be invested and reinvested by the Chief Financial Officer under the same limitations as apply to investment of other state funds, with all interest from these investments deposited to the credit of the trust fund.

- Or claim by any person, as provided by this section, against a mobile home or recreational vehicle dealer or broker for damages, restitution, or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, resulting from a cause of action directly related to the conditions of any written contract made by him or her in connection with the sale, exchange, or improvement of any mobile home or recreational vehicle, or for any violation of chapter 319 or this chapter.
- (4) The trust fund shall not be liable for any judgment, or part thereof, resulting from any tort claim except as expressly provided in subsection (3), nor for any punitive, exemplary, double, or treble damages. A person, the state, or any political subdivision thereof may recover against the mobile home or recreational vehicle dealer, broker, or surety, jointly and severally, for such damages, restitution, or expenses; provided, however, that in no event shall the trust fund or the surety be liable for an amount in excess of actual damages, restitution, or expenses.

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- (5) Subject to the limitations and requirements of this section, the trust fund shall be used by the department to compensate persons who have unsatisfied judgments, or in certain limited circumstances unsatisfied claims, against a mobile home or recreational vehicle dealer or broker. The following conditions must exist for a person to be eligible to file a claim against the trust fund in one of the following situations:
- (a) The claimant has obtained a final judgment that which is unsatisfied against the mobile home or recreational vehicle dealer or broker or its surety jointly and severally, or against the mobile home dealer or broker only, if the court found that the surety was not liable due to prior payment of valid claims against the bond in an amount equal to, or greater than, the face amount of the applicable bond; or the claimant is prohibited from filing a claim in a lawsuit because a bankruptcy proceeding is pending by the dealer or broker, and the claimant has filed a claim in that bankruptcy proceeding; or the dealer or broker has closed his or her business and cannot be found or located within the jurisdiction of the state; and—
- (b) A claim has been made in a lawsuit against the surety and a judgment obtained is unsatisfied; a claim has been made in a lawsuit against the surety which has been stayed or discharged in a bankruptcy proceeding; or a claimant is prohibited from filing a claim in a lawsuit because a bankruptcy proceeding is pending by surety or the surety is not liable due to the prior payment of valid claims against the bond in an amount equal to, or greater than, the face amount of the applicable bond.

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However, a claimant may not recover against the trust fund if the claimant has recovered from the surety an amount that is equal to or greater than the total loss. The claimant has obtained a judgment against the surety of the mobile home or recreational vehicle dealer or broker that is unsatisfied.

- (c) The claimant has alleged a claim against the mobile home or recreational vehicle dealer or broker in a lawsuit which has been stayed or discharged as a result of the filing for reorganization or discharge in bankruptcy by the dealer or broker, and judgment against the surety is not possible because of the bankruptcy or liquidation of the surety, or because the surety has been found by a court of competent jurisdiction not to be liable due to prior payment of valid claims against the bond in an amount equal to, or greater than, the face amount of the applicable bond.
- (6) In order to recover from the trust fund, the person must file an application and verified claim with the department.
- (a) If the claimant has obtained a judgment that which is unsatisfied against the mobile home or recreational vehicle dealer or broker or its surety as set forth in this section, the verified claim must specify the following:
- 1.a. That the judgment against the mobile home or recreational vehicle dealer or broker and its surety has been entered; or
- b. That the judgment against the mobile home or recreational vehicle dealer or broker contains a specific finding that the surety has no liability, that execution has

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been returned unsatisfied, and that a judgment lien has been perfected;

- 2. The amount of actual damages broken down by category as awarded by the court or jury in the cause which resulted in the unsatisfied judgment, and the amount of attorney's fees set forth in the unsatisfied judgment;
- 3. The amount of payment or other consideration received, if any, from the mobile home or recreational vehicle dealer or broker or its surety;
- 4. The amount that may be realized, if any, from the sale of real or personal property or other assets of the judgment debtor liable to be sold or applied in satisfaction of the judgment and the balance remaining due on the judgment after application of the amount which has been realized and a certification that the claimant has made a good faith effort to collect the judgment; and
- 5. An assignment by the claimant of rights, title, or interest in the unsatisfied judgement lien to the department; and
 - $\underline{6.5.}$ Such other information as the department requires.
- (b) If the claimant has alleged a claim as set forth in paragraph $\underline{(5)(a)}$ $\underline{(5)(c)}$ and for the reasons set forth therein has not been able to secure a judgment, the verified claim must contain the following:
- 1. A true copy of the pleadings in the lawsuit that which was stayed or discharged by the bankruptcy court and the order

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of the bankruptcy court staying those proceedings or a true copy of the claim that was filed in the bankruptcy court proceedings;

- 2. Allegations of the acts or omissions by the mobile home or recreational vehicle dealer or broker setting forth the specific acts or omissions complained of which resulted in actual damage to the person, along with the actual dollar amount necessary to reimburse or compensate the person for costs or expenses resulting from the acts or omissions of which the person complained;
- 3. True copies of all purchase agreements, notices, service or repair orders or papers or documents of any kind whatsoever which the person received in connection with the purchase, exchange, or lease-purchase of the mobile home or recreational vehicle from which the person's cause of action arises; and
- 4. An assignment by the claimant of rights, title, or interest in the claim to the department; and
 - 5.4. Such other information as the department requires.
- (c) The department may require such proof as it deems necessary to document the matters set forth in the claim.
- (7) Within 90 days after receipt of the application and verified claim, the department shall issue its determination on the claim. Such determination shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter 120, but shall be reviewable only by writ of certiorari in the circuit court in the county in which the claimant resides in the manner and within the time provided by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The claim must be

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paid within 45 days after the determination, or, if judicial review is sought, within 45 days after the review becomes final. A person may not be paid an amount from the fund in excess of \$25,000 per mobile home or recreational vehicle, which includes any damages, restitution, payments received as the result of a claim against the surety bond, or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees. Prior to payment, the person must execute an assignment to the department of all the person's rights and title to, and interest in, the unsatisfied judgment and judgment lien or the claim against the dealer or broker and its surety.

- (8) The department, in its discretion and where feasible, may try to recover from the mobile home or recreational vehicle dealer or broker, or the judgment debtor or its surety, all sums paid to persons from the trust fund. Any sums recovered shall be deposited to the credit of the trust fund. The department shall be awarded a reasonable attorney's fee for all actions taken to recover any sums paid to persons from the trust fund pursuant to this section.
- (9) This section does not apply to any claim, and a person may not recover against the trust fund as the result of any claim, against a mobile home or recreational vehicle dealer or broker resulting from a cause of action directly related to the sale, lease-purchase, exchange, brokerage, or installation of a mobile home or recreational vehicle prior to <u>July 1, 2006</u>
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- (10) Neither the department, nor the trust fund shall be liable to any person for recovery if the trust fund does not

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have the moneys necessary to pay amounts claimed. If the trust fund does not have sufficient assets to pay the claimant, it shall log the time and date of its determination for payment to a claimant. If moneys become available, the department shall pay the claimant whose unpaid claim is the earliest by time and date of determination.

(11) It is unlawful for any person or his or her agent to file any notice, statement, or other document required under this section which is false or contains any material misstatement of fact. Any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 39. Subsection (16) of section 322.01, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections (43) and (44) are added to that section, to read:

- 322.01 Definitions. -- As used in this chapter:
- (16) "Driver's license" means a certificate that which, subject to all other requirements of law, authorizes an individual to drive a motor vehicle and denotes an operator's license as defined in 49 U.S.C. s. 30301.
- (43) "Identification card" means a personal identification card issued by the department which conforms to the definition in 18 U.S.C. s. 1028(d).
- (44) "Temporary driver's license" or "temporary
 identification card" means a certificate issued by the
 department which, subject to all other requirements of law,
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operator's license, as defined in 49 U.S.C. s. 30301, or a
personal identification card issued by the department which
conforms to the definition in 18 U.S.C. s. 1028(d) and denotes
that the holder is permitted to stay for a short duration of
time, as specified on the temporary identification card, and is
not a permanent resident of the United States.

Section 40. Subsection (2) of section 322.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.05 Persons not to be licensed.--The department may not issue a license:

- (2) To a person who is at least 16 years of age but is under 18 years of age unless the person meets the requirements of s. 322.091 and holds a valid:
- (a) Learner's driver's license for at least 12 months, with no moving traffic convictions, before applying for a license;
- (b) Learner's driver's license for at least 12 months and who has a moving traffic conviction but elects to attend a traffic driving school for which adjudication must be withheld pursuant to s. 318.14; or
- (c) License that was issued in another state or in a foreign jurisdiction and that would not be subject to suspension or revocation under the laws of this state.
- Section 41. Subsection (1) of section 322.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
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- (1) Any person who is $\underline{5}$ $\underline{12}$ years of age or older, or any person who has a disability, regardless of age, who applies for a disabled parking permit under s. 320.0848, may be issued an identification card by the department upon completion of an application and payment of an application fee.
- (a) Each such application shall include the following information regarding the applicant:
- 1. Full name (first, middle or maiden, and last), gender, social security card number, county of residence and mailing address, country of birth, and a brief description.
 - 2. Proof of birth date satisfactory to the department.
- 3. Proof of identity satisfactory to the department. Such proof must include one of the following documents issued to the applicant:
- a. A driver's license record or identification card record from another jurisdiction that required the applicant to submit a document for identification which is substantially similar to a document required under sub-subparagraph b., sub-subparagraph c., sub-subparagraph d., sub-subparagraph e., sub-subparagraph f., or sub-subparagraph g.;
 - b. A certified copy of a United States birth certificate;
 - c. A United States passport;
- d. A naturalization certificate issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security;
 - e. An alien registration receipt card (green card);
- f. An employment authorization card issued by the United

 States Department of Homeland Security; or

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- g. Proof of nonimmigrant classification provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security, for an original identification card. In order to prove such nonimmigrant classification, applicants may produce but are not limited to the following documents:
- (I) A notice of hearing from an immigration court scheduling a hearing on any proceeding.
- (II) A notice from the Board of Immigration Appeals acknowledging pendency of an appeal.
- (III) Notice of the approval of an application for adjustment of status issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- (IV) Any official documentation confirming the filing of a petition for asylum <u>or refugee</u> status or any other relief issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- (V) Notice of action transferring any pending matter from another jurisdiction to Florida, issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- (VI) Order of an immigration judge or immigration officer granting any relief that authorizes the alien to live and work in the United States including, but not limited to asylum.
- (VII) Evidence that an application is pending for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States or conditional permanent resident status in the United States, if a visa number is available having a current priority date for processing by

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- Presentation of any of the documents described in subsubparagraph f. or sub-subparagraph g. entitles the applicant to an identification card for a period not to exceed the expiration date of the document presented or 1 year 2 years, whichever first occurs.
- (b) An application for an identification card must be signed and verified by the applicant in a format designated by the department before a person authorized to administer oaths. The fee for an identification card is \$3, including payment for the color photograph or digital image of the applicant.
- (c) Each such applicant may include fingerprints and any other unique biometric means of identity.
- Section 42. Subsection (2) of section 322.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 322.08 Application for license. --
- (2) Each such application shall include the following information regarding the applicant:
- (a) Full name (first, middle or maiden, and last), gender, social security card number, county of residence and mailing address, country of birth, and a brief description.
 - (b) Proof of birth date satisfactory to the department.
- (c) Proof of identity satisfactory to the department. Such proof must include one of the following documents issued to the applicant:

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- 1. A driver's license record or identification card record from another jurisdiction that required the applicant to submit a document for identification which is substantially similar to a document required under subparagraph 2., subparagraph 3., subparagraph 4., subparagraph 5., subparagraph 6., or subparagraph 7.;
 - 2. A certified copy of a United States birth certificate;
 - 3. A United States passport;
- 4. A naturalization certificate issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security;
 - 5. An alien registration receipt card (green card);
- 6. An employment authorization card issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security; or
- 7. Proof of nonimmigrant classification provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security, for an original driver's license. In order to prove nonimmigrant classification, an applicant may produce the following documents, including, but not limited to:
- a. A notice of hearing from an immigration court scheduling a hearing on any proceeding.
- b. A notice from the Board of Immigration Appeals acknowledging pendency of an appeal.
- c. A notice of the approval of an application for adjustment of status issued by the United States <u>Bureau of</u>

 <u>Citizenship and Immigration Services and Naturalization Service</u>.
- d. Any official documentation confirming the filing of a petition for asylum or refugee status or any other relief issued

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by the United States <u>Bureau of Citizenship and</u> Immigration Services and Naturalization Service.

- e. A notice of action transferring any pending matter from another jurisdiction to this state issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services and Naturalization Service.
- f. An order of an immigration judge or immigration officer granting any relief that authorizes the alien to live and work in the United States, including, but not limited to, asylum.
- g. Evidence that an application is pending for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States or conditional permanent resident status in the United States, if a visa number is available having a current priority date for processing by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Presentation of any of the documents in subparagraph 6. or subparagraph 7. entitles the applicant to a driver's license or temporary permit for a period not to exceed the expiration date of the document presented or 1 year 2 years, whichever occurs first.

(d) Whether the applicant has previously been licensed to drive, and, if so, when and by what state, and whether any such license or driving privilege has ever been disqualified, revoked, or suspended, or whether an application has ever been refused, and, if so, the date of and reason for such disqualification, suspension, revocation, or refusal.

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(e) Each such application may include fingerprints and other unique biometric means of identity.

Section 43. Effective July 1, 2008, subsection (5) of section 322.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.12 Examination of applicants.--

The department shall formulate a separate examination for applicants for licenses to operate motorcycles. Any applicant for a driver's license who wishes to operate a motorcycle, and who is otherwise qualified, must successfully complete such an examination, which is in addition to the examination administered under subsection (3). The examination must test the applicant's knowledge of the operation of a motorcycle and of any traffic laws specifically relating thereto and must include an actual demonstration of his or her ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motorcycle. Any applicant who fails to pass the initial knowledge examination will incur a \$5 fee for each subsequent examination, to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. Any applicant who fails to pass the initial skills examination will incur a \$10 fee for each subsequent examination, to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. In the formulation of the examination, the department shall consider the use of the Motorcycle Operator Skills Test and the Motorcycle in Traffic Test offered by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The department shall indicate on the license of any person who successfully completes the examination that the licensee is authorized to operate a

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motorcycle. If the applicant wishes to be licensed to operate a motorcycle only, he or she need not take the skill or road test required under subsection (3) for the operation of a motor vehicle, and the department shall indicate such a limitation on his or her license as a restriction. Every first-time applicant for licensure to operate a motorcycle who is under 21 years of age must provide proof of completion of a motorcycle safety course, as provided for in s. 322.0255, before the applicant may be licensed to operate a motorcycle.

(b) The department may exempt any applicant from the examination provided in this subsection if the applicant presents a certificate showing successful completion of a course approved by the department, which course includes a similar examination of the knowledge and skill of the applicant in the operation of a motorcycle.

Section 44. Subsection (8) of section 322.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.121 Periodic reexamination of all drivers.--

(8) In addition to any other examination authorized by this section, an applicant for a renewal of an endorsement issued under s. 322.57(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), or (e), or (f) may be required to complete successfully an examination of his or her knowledge regarding state and federal rules, regulations, and laws, governing the type of vehicle which he or she is seeking an endorsement to operate.

Section 45. Section 322.2615, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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322.2615 Suspension of license; right to review.--

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(1)(a) A law enforcement officer or correctional officer
shall, on behalf of the department, suspend the driving
privilege of a person who is driving or in actual physical
control of a motor vehicle and who has an has been arrested by a
law enforcement officer for a violation of s. 316.193, relating
to unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08
or higher, or of a person who has refused to submit to a breath,
urine, or blood test or a test of his or her breath-alcohol or
blood-alcohol level authorized by s. 316.1932. The officer shall
take the person's driver's license and issue the person a 10-day
temporary permit if the person is otherwise eligible for the
driving privilege and shall issue the person a notice of
suspension. If a blood test has been administered, the results
of which are not available to the officer or at the time of the
arrest, the agency employing the officer shall transmit such
results to the department within 5 days after receipt of the
results. If the department then determines that the person \ensuremath{was}
arrested for a violation of s. 316.193 and that the person had a
blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher,
the department shall suspend the person's driver's license
pursuant to subsection (3).

- (b) The suspension under paragraph (a) shall be pursuant to, and the notice of suspension shall inform the driver of, the following:
- 1.a. The driver refused to submit to a lawful breath, blood, or urine test and his or her driving privilege is

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suspended for a period of 1 year for a first refusal or for a period of 18 months if his or her driving privilege has been previously suspended as a result of a refusal to submit to such a test; or

- b. The driver was driving or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle and had violated s. 316.193 by driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher as provided in that section and his or her driving privilege is suspended for a period of 6 months for a first offense or for a period of 1 year if his or her driving privilege has been previously suspended under this section for a violation of s. 316.193.
- 2. The suspension period shall commence on the date of arrest or issuance of the notice of suspension, whichever is later.
- 3. The driver may request a formal or informal review of the suspension by the department within 10 days after the date of arrest or issuance of the notice of suspension, whichever is later.
- 4. The temporary permit issued at the time of <u>suspension</u> arrest <u>expires</u> will expire at midnight of the 10th day following the date of arrest or issuance of the notice of suspension, whichever is later.
- 5. The driver may submit to the department any materials relevant to the suspension arrest.
- (2) Except as provided in paragraph (1)(a), the law enforcement officer shall forward to the department, within 5

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days after issuing the date of the arrest, a copy of the notice of suspension, the driver's license; of the person arrested, and a report of the arrest, including an affidavit stating the officer's grounds for belief that the person was driving or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic beverages or chemical or controlled substances arrested was in violation of s. 316.193; the results of any breath or blood test or an affidavit stating that a breath, blood, or urine test was requested by a law enforcement officer or correctional officer and that the person arrested refused to submit; a copy of the citation issued to the person arrested; and the officer's description of the person's field sobriety test, if any; the notice of suspension; and a copy of the crash report, if any. The failure of the officer to submit materials within the 5-day period specified in this subsection and in subsection (1) does shall not affect the department's ability to consider any evidence submitted at or prior to the hearing. The officer may also submit a copy of a videotape of the field sobriety test or the attempt to administer such test. Materials submitted to the department by a law enforcement agency or correctional agency shall be considered selfauthenticating and shall be in the record for consideration by the hearing officer. Notwithstanding s. 316.066(4), the crash report shall be considered by the hearing officer.

(3) If the department determines that the license of the person arrested should be suspended pursuant to this section and if the notice of suspension has not already been served upon the

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person by a law enforcement officer or correctional officer as provided in subsection (1), the department shall issue a notice of suspension and, unless the notice is mailed pursuant to s. 322.251, a temporary permit that which expires 10 days after the date of issuance if the driver is otherwise eligible.

- (4) If the person whose license was suspended arrested requests an informal review pursuant to subparagraph (1)(b)3., the department shall conduct the informal review by a hearing officer employed by the department. Such informal review hearing shall consist solely of an examination by the department of the materials submitted by a law enforcement officer or correctional officer and by the person whose license was suspended arrested, and the presence of an officer or witness is not required.
- (5) After completion of the informal review, notice of the department's decision sustaining, amending, or invalidating the suspension of the driver's license of the person whose license was suspended arrested must be provided to such person. Such notice must be mailed to the person at the last known address shown on the department's records, or to the address provided in the law enforcement officer's report if such address differs from the address of record, within 21 days after the expiration of the temporary permit issued pursuant to subsection (1) or subsection (3).
- (6)(a) If the person whose license was suspended arrested requests a formal review, the department must schedule a hearing to be held within 30 days after such request is received by the

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department and must notify the person of the date, time, and place of the hearing.

- Such formal review hearing shall be held before a hearing officer employed by the department, and the hearing officer shall be authorized to administer oaths, examine witnesses and take testimony, receive relevant evidence, issue subpoenas for the officers and witnesses identified in documents in subsection (2), regulate the course and conduct of the hearing, question witnesses, and make a ruling on the suspension. The department and the person arrested may subpoena witnesses, and the party requesting the presence of a witness shall be responsible for the payment of any witness fees and for notifying in writing the state attorney's office in the appropriate circuit of the issuance of the subpoena. person who requests a formal review hearing fails to appear and the hearing officer finds such failure to be without just cause, the right to a formal hearing is waived and the suspension shall be sustained.
- (c) A party may seek enforcement of a subpoena under paragraph (b) by filing a petition for enforcement in the circuit court of the judicial circuit in which the person failing to comply with the subpoena resides. A failure to comply with an order of the court shall result in a finding of contempt of court. However, a person <u>is shall</u> not be in contempt while a subpoena is being challenged.
- (d) The department must, within 7 working days after a formal review hearing, send notice to the person of the hearing

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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 probable cause to believe that the person whose license was suspended was driving or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle in this state while under the influence of alcoholic beverages or chemical or controlled substances.
- 2. Whether the person was placed under lawful arrest for a violation of s. 316.193.
- 2.3. Whether the person whose license was suspended had an unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher as provided in s. 316.193.
- (b) If the license was suspended for refusal to submit to a breath, blood, or urine test:
- 1. Whether the arresting law enforcement officer had probable cause to believe that the person whose license was suspended was driving or in actual physical control of a motor

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vehicle in this state while under the influence of alcoholic beverages or chemical or controlled substances.

- 2. Whether the person was placed under lawful arrest for a violation of s. 316.193.
- 2.3. Whether the person whose license was suspended refused to submit to any such test after being requested to do so by a law enforcement officer or correctional officer.
- 3.4. Whether the person whose license was suspended was told that if he or she refused to submit to such test his or her privilege to 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 period of 18 months.
- (8) Based on the determination of the hearing officer pursuant to subsection (7) for both informal hearings under subsection (4) and formal hearings under subsection (6), the department shall:
- (a) Sustain the suspension of the person's driving privilege for a period of 1 year for a first refusal, or for a period of 18 months if the driving privilege of such person has been previously suspended as a result of a refusal to submit to such tests, if the arrested person refused to submit to a lawful breath, blood, or urine test. The suspension period commences on the date of the arrest or issuance of the notice of suspension, whichever is later.
- (b) Sustain the suspension of the person's driving privilege for a period of 6 months for a <u>blood-alcohol level or</u> breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher violation of s. 316.193,

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or for a period of 1 year if the driving privilege of such person has been previously suspended <u>under this section</u> as a result of <u>driving with an unlawful alcohol level</u> a <u>violation of s. 316.193</u>. The suspension period commences on the date of the arrest or issuance of the notice of suspension, whichever is later.

- (9) A request for a formal review hearing or an informal review hearing shall not stay the suspension of the person's driver's license. If the department fails to schedule the formal review hearing to be held within 30 days after receipt of the request therefor, the department shall invalidate the suspension. If the scheduled hearing is continued at the department's initiative, the department shall issue a temporary driving permit that which shall be valid until the hearing is conducted if the person is otherwise eligible for the driving privilege. Such permit may shall not be issued to a person who sought and obtained a continuance of the hearing. The permit issued under this subsection shall authorize driving for business or employment use only.
- (10) A person whose driver's license is suspended under subsection (1) or subsection (3) may apply for issuance of a license for business or employment purposes only if the person is otherwise eligible for the driving privilege pursuant to s. 322.271.
- (a) If the suspension of the driver's license of the person for failure to submit to a breath, urine, or blood test is sustained, the person is not eligible to receive a license

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for business or employment purposes only, pursuant to s. 322.271, until 90 days have elapsed after the expiration of the last temporary permit issued. If the driver is not issued a 10-day permit pursuant to this section or s. 322.64 because he or she is ineligible for the permit and the suspension for failure to submit to a breath, urine, or blood test is not invalidated by the department, the driver is not eligible to receive a business or employment license pursuant to s. 322.271 until 90 days have elapsed from the date of the suspension.

- (b) If the suspension of the driver's license of the person arrested for a violation of s. 316.193, relating to unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher, is sustained, the person is not eligible to receive a license for business or employment purposes only pursuant to s. 322.271 until 30 days have elapsed after the expiration of the last temporary permit issued. If the driver is not issued a 10-day permit pursuant to this section or s. 322.64 because he or she is ineligible for the permit and the suspension for a violation of s. 316.193, relating to unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher, is not invalidated by the department, the driver is not eligible to receive a business or employment license pursuant to s. 322.271 until 30 days have elapsed from the date of the suspension arrest.
- (11) The formal review hearing may be conducted upon a review of the reports of a law enforcement officer or a correctional officer, including documents relating to the

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administration of a breath test or blood test or the refusal to take either test or the refusal to take a urine test. However, as provided in subsection (6), the driver may subpoen the officer or any person who administered or analyzed a breath or blood test.

- (12) The formal review hearing and the informal review hearing are exempt from the provisions of chapter 120. The department may is authorized to adopt rules for the conduct of reviews under this section.
- (13) A person may appeal any decision of the department sustaining a suspension of his or her driver's license by a petition for writ of certiorari to the circuit court in the county wherein such person resides or wherein a formal or informal review was conducted pursuant to s. 322.31. However, an appeal shall not stay the suspension. A law enforcement agency may appeal any decision of the department invalidating a suspension by a petition for writ of certiorari to the circuit court in the county wherein a formal or informal review was conducted. This subsection shall not be construed to provide for a de novo appeal.
- or any circuit court review thereof may not be considered in any trial for a violation of s. 316.193, and a written statement submitted by a person in his or her request for departmental review under this section may not be admitted into evidence against him or her in any such trial.

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- (b) The disposition of any related criminal proceedings does not affect a suspension for refusal to submit to a blood, breath, or urine test, authorized by s. 316.1932 or s. 316.1933, imposed under this section.
- (15) If the department suspends a person's license under s. 322.2616, it may not also suspend the person's license under this section for the same episode that was the basis for the suspension under s. 322.2616.
- (16) The department shall invalidate a suspension for driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level imposed under this section if the suspended person is found not guilty at trial of an underlying violation of s. 316.193.
- Section 46. (1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall study the outsourcing of its driver license services and shall make recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2007. As used in this section, the term "outsourcing" means the process of contracting with an external service provider or other governmental agency to provide a service, in whole or in part, while the department retains the responsibility and accountability for the service.
- (2) As part of its study, the department shall provide a description of the services to be outsourced. Types of issues for the department to consider must include, but need not be limited to:

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- (a) A detailed description of the service to be outsourced and a description and analysis of the department's current performance of the service.
- (b) A cost-benefit analysis describing the estimated specific direct and indirect costs or savings; performance improvements, including reduced wait times at driver license offices; risks; and qualitative and quantitative benefits involved in or resulting from outsourcing the service. The cost-benefit analysis must include a detailed plan and timeline identifying all actions that must be implemented to realize the expected benefits.
- (c) A statement of the potential effect on applicable federal, state, and local revenues and expenditures. The statement must specifically describe the effect on general revenue, trust funds, general revenue service charges, and interest on trust funds, together with the potential direct or indirect effect on federal funding and cost allocations.
 - (d) A plan to ensure compliance with public-records law.
- (e) A transition and implementation plan for addressing changes in the number of department personnel, affected business processes, and employee-transition issues. Such a plan must also specify the mechanism for continuing the operation of the service if the contractor fails to perform or comply with the performance standards and provisions of the contract. Within this plan, the department shall identify all resources, including full-time equivalent positions, which are subject to outsourcing.

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Section 47. Subsection (1) of section 627.733, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.733 Required security.--

- (1) (a) Every owner or registrant of a motor vehicle, other than a motor vehicle used as a taxicab, school bus as defined in s. 1006.25, or limousine, required to be registered and licensed in this state shall maintain security as required by subsection (3) in effect continuously throughout the registration or licensing period.
- (b) Every owner or registrant of a motor vehicle used as a taxicab shall not be governed by paragraph (1)(a) but shall maintain security as required under s. 324.032(1), and s. 627.737 shall not apply to any motor vehicle used as a taxicab.

Section 48. Subsection (1) of section 324.032, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

324.032 Manner of proving financial responsibility; forhire passenger transportation vehicles.--Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 324.031:

(1) (a) A person who is either the owner or a lessee required to maintain insurance under s. 627.733(1) (b) s. 324.021(9) (b) and who operates one or more taxicabs, limousines, jitneys, or any other for-hire passenger transportation vehicles may prove financial responsibility by furnishing satisfactory evidence of holding a motor vehicle liability policy as defined in s. 324.031, but with minimum limits of \$125,000/250,000/50,000.

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(b) A person who is either the owner or a lessee required to maintain insurance under s. 324.021(9)(b) and who operates limousines, jitneys, or any other for-hire passenger vehicles, other than taxicabs, may prove financial responsibility by furnishing satisfactory evidence of holding a motor vehicle liability policy as defined in s. 324.031.

Upon request by the department, the applicant must provide the department at the applicant's principal place of business in this state access to the applicant's underlying financial information and financial statements that provide the basis of the certified public accountant's certification. The applicant shall reimburse the requesting department for all reasonable costs incurred by it in reviewing the supporting information. The maximum amount of self-insurance permissible under this subsection is \$300,000 and must be stated on a per-occurrence basis, and the applicant shall maintain adequate excess insurance issued by an authorized or eligible insurer licensed or approved by the Office of Insurance Regulation. All risks self-insured shall remain with the owner or lessee providing it, and the risks are not transferable to any other person, unless a policy complying with subsection (1) is obtained.

Section 49. Section 318.1215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318.1215 Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act.--Effective October 1, 2002, Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 318.121, a board of county commissioners may require, by

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ordinance, that the clerk of the court collect an additional \$5 \$\\frac{\$3}{\$3}\$ with each civil traffic penalty, which shall be used to fund driver education programs in public and nonpublic schools. The ordinance shall provide for the board of county commissioners to administer the funds, which shall be used for enhancement, and not replacement, of driver education program funds. The funds shall be used for direct educational expenses and shall not be used for administration. Each driver education program receiving funds pursuant to this section shall require that a minimum of 30 percent of a student's time in the program be behind-the-wheel training. This section may be cited as the "Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act."

Section 50. Subsection (1) of section 316.083, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.083 Overtaking and passing a vehicle.--The following rules shall govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject to those limitations, exceptions, and special rules hereinafter stated:

(1) The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall give an appropriate signal as provided for in s. 316.156, shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance, and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle. The driver of a vehicle overtaking a bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle must pass the bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle at a safe distance of not less than 3 feet between the vehicle and the bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle.

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