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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to driver license restrictions; amending s. 322.16, F.S.; restricting the number of certain passengers permitted in a vehicle operated by a person under a certain age; providing exceptions; providing penalties; amending s. 318.14, F.S.; providing citation procedures for violation of said restrictions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (4), (5), and (6) of section 322.16, Florida Statutes, are amended and renumbered as subsections (5), (6), and (7), respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

 322.16 License restrictions.--

attained 18 years of age shall not operate a motor vehicle with more than one passenger in the vehicle who has not attained 18 years of age, unless any additional passenger or passengers who have not attained 18 years of age are siblings or children of the driver, whether related by the whole or half blood, by

(4) A person who holds a driver's license who has not

affinity, or by adoption.

(5)(4) The department may, upon receiving satisfactory evidence of any violation of the restriction upon such a license, except a violation of paragraph (1)(d), subsection (2), or subsection (3), or subsection (4), suspend or revoke the

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license, but the licensee is entitled to a hearing as upon a suspension or revocation under this chapter.

- $\underline{(6)}$ It is a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for any person to operate a motor vehicle in any manner in violation of the restrictions imposed in a license issued to him or her except for a violation of paragraph (1)(d), subsection (2), Θ subsection (3), or subsection (4).
- (7)(6) Any person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of the restrictions imposed in subsection (2), or subsection (4) commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as will be charged with a moving violation as provided in and fined in accordance with chapter 318.
- Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 318.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 318.14 Noncriminal traffic infractions; exception; procedures.--
- (1) Except as provided in ss. 318.17 and 320.07(3)(c), any person cited for a violation of chapter 316, s. 320.0605, s. 320.07(3)(a) or (b), s. 322.065, s. 322.15(1), s. 322.16(2), er (3), or (4), s. 322.161(5), s. 322.19, or s. 1006.66(3) is charged with a noncriminal infraction and must be cited for such an infraction and cited to appear before an official. If another person dies as a result of the noncriminal infraction, the person cited may be required to perform 120 community service hours under s. 316.027(4), in addition to any other penalties.
 - Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

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