A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to uniform traffic control; creating the 3 "Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act"; amending s. 316.003, 4 F.S.; defining the term "traffic infraction detector"; 5 creating s. 316.0083, F.S.; creating the Mark Wandall 6 Traffic Safety Program to be administered by the 7 Department of Transportation; requiring a county or 8 municipality to enact an ordinance in order to use a 9 traffic infraction detector to identify a motor vehicle 10 that fails to stop at a traffic control signal steady red 11 light; requiring such detectors to meet department contract specifications; requiring authorization of a 12 traffic infraction enforcement officer or a code 13 14 enforcement officer to issue and enforce a ticket for such 15 violation; requiring signage; requiring certain public 16 awareness procedures; requiring the ordinance to establish 17 a fine of a certain amount; requiring the ordinance to provide for installing, maintaining, and operating such 18 19 detectors on a right-of-way owned or maintained by the Department of Transportation or on a right-of-way or area 20 21 owned, leased, or maintained by the county or municipality 22 in which the traffic infraction detector is to be 23 installed; prohibiting additional charges; exempting 24 emergency vehicles; providing that the registered owner of 25 the motor vehicle involved in the violation is responsible 26 and liable for payment of the fine assessed; providing 27 exceptions; providing procedures for disposition and 28 enforcement of tickets; providing for a person to contest

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such ticket; providing for disposition of revenue collected; providing complaint procedures; providing for the Legislature to exclude a county or municipality from the program; requiring reports from participating municipalities and counties to the department; requiring the department to make reports to the Governor and the Legislature; amending s. 316.0745, F.S.; providing that traffic infraction detectors must meet certain specifications; creating s. 316.07456, F.S.; providing for preexisting equipment; requiring counties and municipalities that enacted an ordinance to enforce red light violations or entered into a contract to purchase or lease equipment to enforce red light violations before the effective date of this act to charge a certain penalty amount; requiring counties or municipalities that have acquired such equipment pursuant to an agreement entered into before the effective date of this act to make certain payments to the state; providing for future expiration of such provisions; creating s. 316.0776, F.S.; providing for placement and installation of detectors on the State Highway System, county roads, city streets, and leased areas; amending s. 316.1967, F.S., relating to liability for payment of parking ticket violations and other violations; providing for inclusion of persons with outstanding violations in a list sent to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for enforcement purposes; amending s. 395.4036, F.S.; providing for distribution of funds to trauma centers, certain

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hospitals, certain nursing homes, and certain health units and programs, to be used for specified purposes; correcting a cross-reference; exempting such funds from specified audit provisions; ratifying prior enforcement actions; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act."

Section 2. Subsection (86) is added to section 316.003, Florida Statutes, 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:

installed to work in conjunction with a traffic control signal and a camera or cameras synchronized to automatically record two or more sequenced photographic or electronic images or streaming video of only the rear of a motor vehicle at the time the vehicle fails to stop behind the stop bar or clearly marked stop line when facing a traffic control signal steady red light. Any ticket issued by the use of a traffic infraction detector must include a photograph or other recorded image showing both the license tag of the offending vehicle and the traffic control device being violated.

Section 3. Section 316.0083, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.0083 Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program; administration; report.—

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- (1) There is created the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety

 Program governing the operation of traffic infraction detectors.

 The program shall be administered by the Department of

 Transportation and shall include the following provisions:
- (a) In order to use a traffic infraction detector, a county or municipality must enact an ordinance that provides for the use of a traffic infraction detector to enforce s. 316.075(1)(c), which requires the driver of a vehicle to stop the vehicle when facing a traffic control signal steady red light on the streets and highways under the jurisdiction of the county or municipality. The traffic infraction detector must conform to the contract specifications adopted by the Department of Transportation under s. 316.0776. A county or municipality may install such detectors within the boundaries of the county or municipality on rights-of-way owned or maintained by the Department of Transportation or on rights-of-way or areas owned, leased, or maintained by that county or municipality. Only a municipality may install or authorize the installation of any such detectors within the incorporated area of the municipality. A municipality may authorize the state or county to install such detectors within its incorporated area. Only a county may install or authorize the installation of any such detectors within the unincorporated area of the county. A county may authorize the state to install such detectors in the

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unincorporated area of the county. A county or municipality that operates a traffic infraction detector must authorize a traffic infraction enforcement officer or a code enforcement officer to issue a ticket for a violation of s. 316.075(1)(c) and to enforce the payment of the ticket for such violation. This paragraph does not authorize a traffic infraction enforcement officer or a code enforcement officer to carry a firearm or other weapon and does not authorize such an officer to make arrests. The ordinance must require signs to be posted at locations designated by the county or municipality providing notification that a traffic infraction detector may be in use. Such signage must conform to the specifications adopted by the Department of Transportation under s. 316.0745 or must be in accordance with all applicable provisions of the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, part 2, signs. The ordinance must provide for the county or municipality to install, maintain, and operate traffic infraction detectors within the boundaries of the county or municipality on rightsof-way owned or maintained by the Department of Transportation or on rights-of-way or areas owned, leased, or maintained by that county or municipality. The ordinance must also require that the county or municipality make a public announcement and conduct a public awareness campaign of the proposed use of traffic infraction detectors at least 30 days before commencing the enforcement program. In addition, the ordinance must establish a fine of \$155 to be assessed against the registered owner of a motor vehicle that fails to stop when facing a traffic control signal steady red light as determined through

the use of a traffic infraction detector. Any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, an additional surcharge, fee, or cost may not be added to the civil penalty authorized by this paragraph, except as provided in paragraph (g).

- (b) When responding to an emergency call, an emergency vehicle is exempt from any ordinance enacted under this section.
- (c) A county or municipality must adopt an ordinance under this section that provides for the use of a traffic infraction detector in order to impose a fine on the registered owner of a motor vehicle for a violation of s. 316.075(1)(c). The fine shall be imposed in the same manner and is subject to the same limitations as provided for parking violations under s. 316.1967. Except as specifically provided in this section, chapter 318 and s. 322.27 do not apply to a violation of s. 316.075(1)(c) for which a ticket has been issued under an ordinance enacted pursuant to this section. Enforcement of a ticket issued under the ordinance is not a conviction of the operator of the motor vehicle, may not be made a part of the driving record of the operator, and may not be used for purposes of setting motor vehicle insurance rates. Points under s. 322.27 may not be assessed based upon such enforcement.
- (d) The procedures set forth in s. 316.1967(2)-(5) apply to an ordinance enacted pursuant to this section, except that the ticket must contain the name and address of the person alleged to be liable as the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation, the tag number of the motor vehicle, the violation charged, a copy of the photographic image or images evidencing the violation, the location where the

violation occurred, the date and time of the violation, and a signed statement by a specifically trained technician employed by the agency or its contractor that, based on inspection of photographs or other recorded images, the motor vehicle was being operated in violation of s. 316.075(1)(c). The ticket must advise the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation of the amount of the fine, the date by which the fine must be paid, and the procedure for contesting the violation alleged in the ticket. The ticket must contain a warning that failure to contest the violation in the manner and time provided is deemed an admission of the liability and that a default may be entered thereon. The violation shall be processed by the county or municipality that has jurisdiction over the street or highway where the violation occurred or by any entity authorized by the county or municipality to prepare and mail the ticket.

- (e) The ticket shall be sent by first-class or certified mail, addressed to the registered owner of the motor vehicle, and postmarked no later than 30 days after obtaining the name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle, but in no event later than 60 days after the date of the violation.
- (f)1. The registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in a violation is responsible and liable for payment of the fine assessed pursuant to this section unless the owner can establish that:
- a. The motor vehicle passed through the intersection in order to yield right-of-way to an emergency vehicle or as part of a funeral procession;
 - b. The motor vehicle passed through the intersection at

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the direction of a law enforcement officer;

- c. The motor vehicle was stolen at the time of the alleged violation; or
- d. A uniform traffic citation was issued to the driver of the motor vehicle for the alleged violation of s. 316.075(1)(c).
- 2. In order to establish any such fact pursuant to subparagraph 1., the registered owner of the vehicle must, within 60 days after receipt of notification of the alleged violation, furnish to the county or municipality, as appropriate, an affidavit that sets forth detailed information supporting an exemption under subparagraph 1. For an exemption under sub-subparagraph 1.c., the affidavit must set forth that the vehicle was stolen and be accompanied by a copy of the police report indicating that the vehicle was stolen at the time of the alleged violation. For an exemption under subsubparagraph 1.d., the affidavit must set forth that a citation was issued and be accompanied by a copy of the citation indicating the time of the alleged violation and the location of the intersection where it occurred.
- (g) A registered owner may contest the determination that such person failed to stop at a traffic control signal steady red light as evidenced by a traffic infraction detector by electing to appear before any judge or locally designated official authorized by law to preside over an administrative hearing that adjudicates traffic infractions. If a hearing is requested by the registered owner, the notification by the issuing authority of a hearing date, time, and location shall be made by first class mail. A person who elects to appear before

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to have waived the limitation of civil penalties imposed for the violation. The judge or designated official shall make a determination as to whether a red light violation has been committed and may impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$155, plus court costs. Any person who fails to pay the civil penalty within the time allowed by the county, municipality, or court is deemed to have been convicted of a violation and the court shall take appropriate measures to enforce collection of the fine.

- (h) A certificate sworn to or affirmed by a person authorized under this section who is employed by or under contract with the county or municipality where the infraction occurred, or a facsimile thereof that is based upon inspection of photographs or other recorded images produced by a traffic infraction detector, is prima facie evidence of the facts contained in the certificate. A photograph or other recorded image evidencing a violation of s. 316.075(1)(c) must be available for inspection in any proceeding to adjudicate liability under an ordinance enacted pursuant to this section.
- (i) In any county or municipality in which tickets are issued as provided in this section, the names of persons who have one or more outstanding violations may be included on the list authorized under s. 316.1967(6).
- (2) Of the fine imposed and collected pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) or paragraph (1)(g), \$55 shall be remitted by the county or municipality to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, \$25 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Department of

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Health Administrative Trust Fund, and \$75 shall be retained by the county or municipality enforcing the ordinance enacted pursuant to this section. Funds deposited into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund under this subsection shall be distributed as provided in s. 395.4036(1).

- (3) A complaint that a county or municipality is employing traffic infraction detectors for purposes other than the promotion of public health, welfare, and safety or in a manner inconsistent with this section may be submitted to the governing body of such county or municipality. Such complaints, along with any investigation and corrective action taken by the county or municipal governing body, shall be included in the biannual report to the Department of Transportation and in that department's biannual summary report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House Representatives, as required by this section. Based on its review of the report, the Legislature may exclude a county or municipality from further participation in the program.
- (4) (a) Each county or municipality that operates a traffic infraction detector shall submit a biannual report to the Department of Transportation that details the results of using the traffic infraction detector and the procedures for enforcement.
- (b) The Department of Transportation shall provide a biannual summary report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the use and operation of traffic infraction detectors under this section. The summary report must include a review of

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the information submitted to the Department of Transportation by the counties and municipalities and must describe the enhancement of the traffic safety and enforcement programs. The Department of Transportation shall report its recommendations, including any necessary legislation, on or before December 1 of each even-numbered year to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Section 4. Subsection (6) of section 316.0745, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.0745 Uniform signals and devices.

(6) Any system of traffic control devices controlled and operated from a remote location by electronic computers or similar devices <u>must shall</u> meet all requirements established for the uniform system, and, if where such a system affects systems affect the movement of traffic on state roads, the design of the system <u>must shall</u> be reviewed and approved by the Department of Transportation.

Section 5. Section 316.07456, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.07456 Grandfather clause.-

- (1) Any traffic infraction detector deployed on the streets and highways of the state must meet the contract specifications established by the Department of Transportation and must be tested at regular intervals according to procedures prescribed by that department.
- (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, nothing in this act shall prohibit any county or municipality from using red light traffic enforcement devices of any type or

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from enforcing violations of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c) or other red light traffic enforcement ordinances if such county or municipality has enacted an ordinance to enforce red light violations or has entered into a contract to purchase or lease equipment to enforce red light violations before the effective date of this act.

- (3) Of the fine imposed and collected pursuant to s.

 316.0083(1)(a) or (g), \$55 shall be remitted by the county or

 municipality to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the

 General Revenue Fund, \$25 shall be remitted to the Department of

 Revenue for deposit into the Department of Health Administrative

 Trust Fund, and \$75 shall be retained by the county or

 municipality enforcing the ordinance enacted pursuant to this

 section. Funds deposited into the Department of Health

 Administrative Trust Fund under this subsection shall be

 distributed as provided in s. 395.4036(1).
- (4) This section expires 1 year after the Department of Transportation's final adoption of specifications or on July 1, 2015, whichever occurs first.

Section 6. Section 316.0776, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.0776 Traffic infraction detectors; placement and installation.—Placement and installation of traffic infraction detectors is allowed on the State Highway System, county roads, city streets, and leased areas pursuant to specifications developed by the Department of Transportation, included in the handbook addressing material and equipment connections to the state electrical signal boxes and placement of signs on state

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equipment to protect the safety and operation of the traffic along roadways.

Section 7. Subsection (6) of section 316.1967, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.1967 Liability for payment of parking ticket violations and other parking violations.—

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Any county or municipality may provide by ordinance that the clerk of the court or the traffic violations bureau shall supply the department with a magnetically encoded computer tape reel or cartridge or send by other electronic means data which is machine readable by the installed computer system at the department, listing persons who have three or more outstanding parking violations, including violations of s. 316.1955, or who have one or more outstanding tickets for a violation of a traffic control signal steady red light indication issued pursuant to an ordinance adopted under s. 316.0083. Each county shall provide by ordinance that the clerk of the court or the traffic violations bureau shall supply the department with a magnetically encoded computer tape reel or cartridge or send by other electronic means data that is machine readable by the installed computer system at the department, listing persons who have any outstanding violations of s. 316.0083 or s. 316.1955 or any similar local ordinance that regulates parking in spaces designated for use by persons who have disabilities. The department shall mark the appropriate registration records of persons who are so reported. Section 320.03(8) applies to each person whose name appears on the list. Section 8. Section 395.4036, Florida Statutes, is amended

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to read:

395.4036 Trauma payments.-

- (1) Recognizing the Legislature's stated intent to provide financial support to the current verified trauma centers and to provide incentives for the establishment of additional trauma centers as part of a system of state-sponsored trauma centers, the department shall <u>use utilize</u> funds collected under <u>ss.</u>

 316.0083 and s. 318.18 and deposited into the Administrative Trust Fund of the department to ensure the availability and accessibility of trauma <u>and emergency</u> services throughout the state as provided in this subsection.
- (a) Funds collected under <u>ss. 316.0083 and s.</u> 318.18(15) shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Five dollars of each fine collected under s. 316.0083
 shall be distributed equally among all children's crisis
 stabilization units and rural health initiatives.
- 2. Fourteen percent of the total funds, after the deduction under subparagraph 1., which were collected under s. 316.0083 shall be distributed to the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis for brain and spinal cord injury.
- 3. Three percent of the total funds, after the deduction under subparagraph 1., which were collected under s. 316.0083 shall be distributed equally to community-based support programs that provide support and services for individuals who have sustained a traumatic brain injury.
- 4.1. Eighteen percent of the total funds, after the deduction under subparagraph 1., which were collected under s. 316.0083 and 20 Twenty percent of the total funds collected

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under s. 318.18(15) during the state fiscal year shall be distributed to verified trauma centers that have a local funding contribution as of December 31. Distribution of funds under this subparagraph shall be based on trauma caseload volume for the most recent calendar year available.

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- 5.2. Thirty percent of the total funds, after the deduction under subparagraph 1., which were collected under s. 316.0083 and 40 Forty percent of the total funds collected under s. 318.18(15) shall be distributed to verified trauma centers based on trauma caseload volume for the most recent calendar year available. The determination of caseload volume for distribution of funds under this subparagraph shall be based on the department's Trauma Registry data.
- Thirty-two percent of the total funds, after the 6.3. deduction under subparagraph 1., which were collected under s. 316.0083 and 40 Forty percent of the total funds collected under s. 318.18(15) shall be distributed to verified trauma centers based on severity of trauma patients for the most recent calendar year available. The determination of severity for distribution of funds under this subparagraph shall be based on the department's International Classification Injury Severity Scores or another statistically valid and scientifically accepted method of stratifying a trauma patient's severity of injury, risk of mortality, and resource consumption as adopted by the department by rule, weighted based on the costs associated with and incurred by the trauma center in treating trauma patients. The weighting of scores shall be established by the department by rule.

7. Three percent of the total funds, after the deduction under subparagraph 1., which were collected under s. 316.0083 shall be distributed to public hospitals that qualify for distributions under s. 409.911(4), that are not verified trauma centers but are located in trauma service areas, as defined under s. 395.402, and that do not have a verified trauma center based on their proportionate number of emergency room visits on an annual basis. The Agency for Health Care Administration shall provide the department with a list of public hospitals and emergency room visits.

- (b) Funds collected under s. 318.18(5) (c) and (20) (19) shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Thirty percent of the total funds collected shall be distributed to Level II trauma centers operated by a public hospital governed by an elected board of directors as of December 31, 2008.
- 2. Thirty-five percent of the total funds collected shall be distributed to verified trauma centers based on trauma caseload volume for the most recent calendar year available. The determination of caseload volume for distribution of funds under this subparagraph shall be based on the department's Trauma Registry data.
- 3. Thirty-five percent of the total funds collected shall be distributed to verified trauma centers based on severity of trauma patients for the most recent calendar year available. The determination of severity for distribution of funds under this subparagraph shall be based on the department's International Classification Injury Severity Scores or another statistically

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Funds deposited in the department's Administrative Trust Fund for verified trauma centers and nontrauma center public hospitals may be used to maximize the receipt of federal funds that may be available for such trauma centers and nontrauma center public hospitals. Notwithstanding this section and s. 318.14, distributions to trauma centers and nontrauma center public hospitals may be adjusted in a manner to ensure that total payments to trauma centers and nontrauma center public hospitals represent the same proportional allocation as set forth in this section and s. 318.14. For purposes of this section and s. 318.14, total funds distributed to trauma centers and nontrauma center public hospitals may include revenue from the Administrative Trust Fund and federal funds for which revenue from the Administrative Trust Fund is used to meet state or local matching requirements. Funds collected under ss. 318.14, 316.0083, and 318.18 and deposited in the Administrative Trust Fund of the department shall be distributed to trauma centers and nontrauma center public hospitals on a quarterly basis using the most recent calendar year data available. Such data shall not be used for more than four quarterly distributions unless there are extenuating circumstances as determined by the department, in which case the most recent

calendar year data available shall continue to be used and appropriate adjustments shall be made as soon as the more recent data becomes available.

- (3) Funds distributed under this section are not subject to the provisions of s. 215.97.
- (a) Any trauma center not subject to audit pursuant to s. 215.97 shall annually attest, under penalties of perjury, that such proceeds were used in compliance with law. The annual attestation shall be made in a form and format determined by the department. The annual attestation shall be submitted to the department for review within 9 months after the end of the organization's fiscal year.
- (b) Any trauma center subject to audit pursuant to s. 215.97 shall submit an audit report in accordance with rules adopted by the Auditor General.
- (4) The department, working with the Agency for Health Care Administration, shall maximize resources for trauma services wherever possible.
- Section 9. This act recognizes, validates, and ratifies any enforcement action taken by a county or municipality using a traffic infraction detector that was previously or is currently installed until 1 year after the Department of Transportation's final specifications are adopted, including any and all civil fines, penalties, fees, and costs collected pursuant to such enforcement action.
- Section 10. <u>If any provision of this act or its</u>

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