A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and 3 Motor Vehicles; amending s. 20.24, F.S.; specifying that 4 the executive director of the department serves at the 5 pleasure of the Governor and Cabinet; creating a Division 6 of Motorist Services within the department; eliminating 7 the Division of Driver Licenses and the Division of Motor 8 Vehicles; amending s. 261.03, F.S.; conforming cross-9 references; amending s. 288.816, F.S., relating to Consul 10 Corps license plates; conforming a reference; amending s. 11 311.121, F.S., relating to membership of the Seaport Security Officer Qualification, Training, and Standards 12 Coordinating Council; conforming provisions to changes 13 14 made by the act; reenacting s. 316.065(4), F.S., relating 15 to crash reports, to incorporate changes made to s. 16 316.066, F.S., by chapter 2010-163, Laws of Florida; 17 amending s. 316.1933, F.S.; authorizing a health care provider to notify a law enforcement agency after 18 19 detecting the presence of a controlled substance in the blood of a person injured in a motor vehicle crash; 20 21 amending s. 316.1957, F.S., relating to parking 22 violations; conforming a reference; amending s. 316.2085, 23 F.S.; requiring the license tag of a motorcycle or moped 24 to remain clearly visible from the rear; prohibiting 25 deliberate acts to conceal or obscure the tag; amending ss. 316.2122, 316.2124, 316.21265, 316.3026, and 316.550, 26 27 F.S., relating to the operation of low-speed vehicles, motorized disability access vehicles, and all-terrain or 28

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319.23, F.S.; providing for the application for a certificate of title, corrected certificate, or assignment or reassignment to be filed from the consummation of the sale of a mobile home; authorizing the department to accept a bond if the applicant for a certificate of title is unable to provide a title that assigns the prior owner's interest in the motor vehicle; providing requirements for the bond and the affidavit; providing for future expiration of the bond; amending s. 319.28, F.S.; eliminating certain requirements that a lienholder obtain a certificate of repossession following repossession of a vehicle or mobile home; amending s. 319.323, F.S., relating to title offices for expedited service; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 319.40, F.S.; authorizing the department to issue electronic certificates of title and use electronic mail addresses for purposes of notification; amending s. 320.01, F.S.; revising definitions; excluding special mobile equipment from the meaning of the term "motor vehicle"; deleting an obsolete definition; revising the gross vehicle weight for purposes of defining the terms "apportionable vehicle" and "commercial motor vehicle"; amending s. 320.02, F.S.; providing that an active-duty military member is exempt from the requirement to provide an address on an application for vehicle registration; requiring that a Florida driver's license or identification card be changed following a change of residence or mailing address before the vehicle

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references; amending s. 320.0847, F.S., relating to license plates for mini trucks and low-speed vehicles; conforming cross-references; amending s. 320.0848, F.S.; revising the requirements for the deposit of fee proceeds from temporary disabled parking permits; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; providing for the issuance of a Combat Infantry Badge license plate; providing qualifications and requirements for the plate; providing for the use of proceeds from the sale of the plate; amending s. 320.275, F.S., relating to the Automobile Dealers Industry Advisory Board; conforming provisions to the elimination of the Division of Motor Vehicles within the department; amending s. 320.95, F.S.; authorizing the department to use electronic mail addresses for the purpose of providing license renewal notices; amending s. 321.02, F.S.; designating the director of the Division of Highway Patrol of the department as the Colonel of the Florida Highway Patrol; amending s. 322.02, F.S.; providing for a director of the Division of Motorist Services; amending s. 322.04, F.S.; revising provisions exempting a nonresident from the requirement to obtain a driver's license under certain circumstances; amending s. 322.051, F.S.; revising requirements by which an applicant for an identification card may prove nonimmigrant classification; clarifying the validity of an identification card based on specified documents; amending s. 322.058, F.S., relating to renewal of motor vehicle registration; conforming a crossreference; amending s. 322.065, F.S.; revising the period

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of expiration that constitutes the offense of driving with an expired driver's license; amending s. 322.07, F.S.; revising qualifications for obtaining a temporary commercial instruction permit; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; revising requirements by which an applicant for a driver's license may prove nonimmigrant classification; clarifying the validity of a license based on specified documents; authorizing the department to use electronic mail addresses for the purposes of providing license renewal notices; amending s. 322.081, F.S.; authorizing the department to retain certain proceeds derived from the voluntary contributions made on driver's license applications to cover certain specified costs to the department; amending s. 322.12, F.S.; deleting provisions requiring a separate examination for applicants for a license to operate a motorcycle; requiring that the motorcycle safety course for a first-time applicant include a final examination; requiring that completion of the course be indicated on the license; amending s. 322.121, F.S.; clarifying provisions authorizing the automatic extension of a license for members of the Armed Forces or their dependents while serving on active duty outside the state; amending s. 322.14, F.S.; deleting a requirement that applicants for specified licenses appear in person for issuance of a color photographic or digital imaged driver's license; providing for the department to suspend a person's driver's license for violating certain restrictions on his or her authorization to drive;

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amending s. 322.20, F.S., relating to department records; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 322.202, F.S.; clarifying that the Division of Motorist Services is not a law enforcement agency; amending s. 322.21, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing a driver to renew his or her driver's license during a specified period before the license expiration date; amending s. 322.22, F.S.; clarifying provisions authorizing the department to cancel a driver's license; authorizing the department to cancel a license upon determining that the licensee is not entitled to the license; amending s. 322.2615, F.S., relating to a person's right to review of a license suspension; revising provisions for a formal review hearing and enforcement of a subpoena; amending s. 322.53, F.S.; revising provisions exempting certain farmers and drivers who operate straight trucks from the requirement to obtain a commercial driver's license; amending s. 322.54, F.S.; requiring that the weight of a commercial motor vehicle be based on the vehicle's actual weight under certain circumstances; repealing s. 322.58, F.S., relating to holders of chauffeur's licenses; amending s. 322.59, F.S.; requiring that the department disqualify a driver holding a commercial driver's license who fails to comply with specified federal certification requirements; amending s. 322.61, F.S.; providing that the holder of a commercial driver's license is permanently disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle following two

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violations of specified offenses committed while operating any vehicle; amending s. 322.64, F.S.; providing that a notice of disqualification from operating a commercial motor vehicle acts as a conviction for purposes of certain federal restrictions imposed for the offense of operating a commercial motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol; deleting provisions authorizing the department to impose certain alternative restrictions for such offense; amending s. 328.30, F.S.; authorizing the department to issue electronic certificates of title for vessels and use electronic mail addresses for purposes of providing renewal notices; amending s. 413.012, F.S., relating to a prohibition on disclosing confidential records held by the department; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 713.78, F.S., relating to renewal of motor vehicle registration; conforming a cross-reference; providing effective dates.

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

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- Section 1. Section 20.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 20.24 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.—
 There is created a Department of Highway Safety and Motor
 Vehicles.
- (1) The head of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is the Governor and Cabinet. An executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and Cabinet. The

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executive director may establish a command, operational, and administrative services structure to assist, manage, and support the department in operating programs and delivering services.

- (2) The following divisions, and bureaus within the divisions, of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles are established:
 - (a) Division of the Florida Highway Patrol.
 - (b) Division of Motorist Services.
 - (b) Division of Driver Licenses.
 - (c) Division of Motor Vehicles.

- Section 2. Subsection (9) of section 261.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 261.03 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
- (9) "ROV" means any motorized recreational off-highway vehicle 64 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 2,000 pounds or less, designed to travel on four or more nonhighway tires, having nonstraddle seating and a steering wheel, and manufactured for recreational use by one or more persons. The term "ROV" does not include a golf cart as defined in ss. 320.01(22) and 316.003(68) or a low-speed vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(42).
- Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 288.816, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 288.816 Intergovernmental relations.-
- (2) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall be responsible for all consular relations between the state and all foreign governments doing business in Florida. The office shall monitor United States laws and directives to ensure

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253 that all federal treaties regarding foreign privileges and 254 immunities are properly observed. The office shall promulgate 255 rules which shall:

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- (e) Verify entitlement to issuance of special motor vehicle license plates by the Division of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to honorary consuls or such other officials representing foreign governments who are not entitled to issuance of special Consul Corps license plates by the United States Government.
- Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 311.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 311.121 Qualifications, training, and certification of licensed security officers at Florida seaports.—
 - (3) The Seaport Security Officer Qualification, Training, and Standards Coordinating Council is created under the Department of Law Enforcement.
 - (a) The executive director of the Department of Law Enforcement shall appoint 11 members to the council, to include:
 - 1. The seaport administrator of the Department of Law Enforcement.
 - 2. The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee.
 - 3. The director of the Division of Licensing of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- 4. The administrator of the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council.
- 5. Two seaport security directors from seaports designated under s. 311.09.
 - 6. One director of a state law enforcement academy.

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7. One representative of a local law enforcement agency.

- 8. Two representatives of contract security services.
- 9. One representative of the Division of Driver Licenses of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Section 5. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by chapter 2010-163, Laws of Florida, to section 316.066, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (4) of section 316.065, Florida Statutes, is reenacted retroactive to July 1, 2010, to read:

316.065 Crashes; reports; penalties.-

(4) Any person who knowingly repairs a motor vehicle without having made a report as required by subsection (3) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. The owner and driver of a vehicle involved in a crash who makes a report thereof in accordance with subsection (1) or s. 316.066(1) is not liable under this section.

Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 316.066, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter 2010-163, Laws of Florida, reads:

316.066 Written reports of crashes.-

- (1)(a) A Florida Traffic Crash Report, Long Form is required to be completed and submitted to the department within 10 days after completing an investigation by every law enforcement officer who in the regular course of duty investigates a motor vehicle crash:
 - 1. That resulted in death or personal injury.
 - 2. That involved a violation of s. 316.061(1) or s.

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3. In which a vehicle was rendered inoperative to a degree that required a wrecker to remove it from traffic, if such action is appropriate, in the officer's discretion.

- (b) In every crash for which a Florida Traffic Crash Report, Long Form is not required by this section, the law enforcement officer may complete a short-form crash report or provide a short-form crash report to be completed by each party involved in the crash. The short-form report must include:
 - 1. The date, time, and location of the crash.
 - 2. A description of the vehicles involved.
 - 3. The names and addresses of the parties involved.
 - 4. The names and addresses of witnesses.
- 5. The name, badge number, and law enforcement agency of the officer investigating the crash.
- 6. The names of the insurance companies for the respective parties involved in the crash.
- enforcement officer with proof of insurance to be included in the crash report. If a law enforcement officer submits a report on the accident, proof of insurance must be provided to the officer by each party involved in the crash. Any party who fails to provide the required information commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318, unless the officer determines that due to injuries or other special circumstances such insurance information cannot be provided immediately. If the person provides the law enforcement agency, within 24 hours after the

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crash, proof of insurance that was valid at the time of the crash, the law enforcement agency may void the citation.

- (d) The driver of a vehicle that was in any manner involved in a crash resulting in damage to any vehicle or other property in an amount of \$500 or more, which crash was not investigated by a law enforcement agency, shall, within 10 days after the crash, submit a written report of the crash to the department or traffic records center. The entity receiving the report may require witnesses of crashes to render reports and may require any driver of a vehicle involved in a crash of which a written report must be made as provided in this section to file supplemental written reports whenever the original report is deemed insufficient by the receiving entity.
- (e) Short-form crash reports prepared by law enforcement shall be maintained by the law enforcement officer's agency.
- Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 316.1933, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 316.1933 Blood test for impairment or intoxication in cases of death or serious bodily injury; right to use reasonable force.—
- (2) (a) Only a physician, certified paramedic, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, other personnel authorized by a hospital to draw blood, or duly licensed clinical laboratory director, supervisor, technologist, or technician, acting at the request of a law enforcement officer, may withdraw blood for the purpose of determining the alcoholic content thereof or the presence of chemical substances or controlled substances therein. However, the failure of a law enforcement officer to

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request the withdrawal of blood shall not affect the admissibility of a test of blood withdrawn for medical purposes.

- 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law pertaining to the confidentiality of hospital records or other medical records, if a health care provider, who is providing medical care in a health care facility to a person injured in a motor vehicle crash, becomes aware, as a result of any blood test performed in the course of that medical treatment, that the person's bloodalcohol level meets or exceeds the blood-alcohol level specified in s. 316.193(1)(b), or detects the presence of a controlled substance listed in chapter 893, the health care provider may notify any law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency. Any such notice must be given within a reasonable time after the health care provider receives the test result. Any such notice shall be used only for the purpose of providing the law enforcement officer with reasonable cause to request the withdrawal of a blood sample pursuant to this section.
- 2. The notice shall consist only of the name of the person being treated, the name of the person who drew the blood, the blood-alcohol level indicated by the test, and the date and time of the administration of the test.
- 3. Nothing contained in s. 395.3025(4), s. 456.057, or any applicable practice act affects the authority to provide notice under this section, and the health care provider is not considered to have breached any duty owed to the person under s. 395.3025(4), s. 456.057, or any applicable practice act by providing notice or failing to provide notice. It shall not be a breach of any ethical, moral, or legal duty for a health care

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provider to provide notice or fail to provide notice.

4. A civil, criminal, or administrative action may not be brought against any person or health care provider participating in good faith in the provision of notice or failure to provide notice as provided in this section. Any person or health care provider participating in the provision of notice or failure to provide notice as provided in this section shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability and from any professional disciplinary action with respect to the provision of notice or failure to provide notice under this section. Any such participant has the same immunity with respect to participating in any judicial proceedings resulting from the notice or failure to provide notice.

Section 8. Section 316.1957, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.1957 Parking violations; designated parking spaces for persons who have disabilities.—When evidence is presented in any court of the fact that any motor vehicle was parked in a properly designated parking space for persons who have disabilities in violation of s. 316.1955, it is prima facie evidence that the vehicle was parked and left in the space by the person, firm, or corporation in whose name the vehicle is registered and licensed according to the records of the department Division of Motor Vehicles.

Section 9. Subsection (3) of section 316.2085, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.2085 Riding on motorcycles or mopeds.-

(3) The license tag of a motorcycle or moped must be

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permanently affixed to the vehicle and remain clearly visible from the rear at all times may not be adjusted or capable of being flipped up. Any deliberate act to conceal or obscure No device for or method of concealing or obscuring the legibility of the license tag of a motorcycle is prohibited shall be installed or used. The license tag of a motorcycle or moped may be affixed horizontally to the ground so that the numbers and letters read from left to right. Alternatively, a license tag for a motorcycle or moped for which the numbers and letters read from top to bottom may be affixed perpendicularly to the ground, provided that the registered owner of the motorcycle or moped maintains a prepaid toll account in good standing and a transponder associated with the prepaid toll account is affixed to the motorcycle or moped.

Section 10. Section 316.2122, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.2122 Operation of a low-speed vehicle or mini truck on certain roadways.—The operation of a low-speed vehicle as defined in s. $320.01\frac{(42)}{(45)}$ or a mini truck as defined in s. $320.01\frac{(45)}{(45)}$ on any road as defined in s. 334.03(15) or (33) is authorized with the following restrictions:

- (1) A low-speed vehicle or mini truck may be operated only on streets where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. This does not prohibit a low-speed vehicle or mini truck from crossing a road or street at an intersection where the road or street has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.
 - (2) A low-speed vehicle must be equipped with headlamps,

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stop lamps, turn signal lamps, taillamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, and vehicle identification numbers.

- (3) A low-speed vehicle or mini truck must be registered and insured in accordance with s. 320.02 and titled pursuant to chapter 319.
- (4) Any person operating a low-speed vehicle or mini truck must have in his or her possession a valid driver's license.
- (5) A county or municipality may prohibit the operation of low-speed vehicles or mini trucks on any road under its jurisdiction if the governing body of the county or municipality determines that such prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.
- (6) The Department of Transportation may prohibit the operation of low-speed vehicles or mini trucks on any road under its jurisdiction if it determines that such prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.

Section 11. Section 316.2124, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.2124 Motorized disability access vehicles.—The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is directed to provide, by rule, for the regulation of motorized disability access vehicles as described in s. 320.01(34). The department shall provide that motorized disability access vehicles shall be registered in the same manner as motorcycles and shall pay the same registration fee as for a motorcycle. There shall also be assessed, in addition to the registration fee, a \$2.50 surcharge for motorized disability access vehicles. This surcharge shall

be paid into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. Motorized disability access vehicles shall not be required to be titled by the department. The department shall require motorized disability access vehicles to be subject to the same safety requirements as set forth in this chapter for motorcycles.

Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 316.21265, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.21265 Use of all-terrain vehicles, golf carts, low-speed vehicles, or utility vehicles by law enforcement agencies.—

(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any law enforcement agency in this state may operate all-terrain vehicles as defined in s. 316.2074, golf carts as defined in s. 320.01(22), low-speed vehicles as defined in s. 320.01(42), or utility vehicles as defined in s. 320.01(43) on any street, road, or highway in this state while carrying out its official duties.

Section 13. Subsection (1) of section 316.3026, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.3026 Unlawful operation of motor carriers.-

(1) The Office of Motor Carrier Compliance of the Department of Transportation may issue out-of-service orders to motor carriers, as defined in s. 320.01(33), who have after proper notice failed to pay any penalty or fine assessed by the department, or its agent, against any owner or motor carrier for violations of state law, refused to submit to a compliance review and provide records pursuant to s. 316.302(5) or s. 316.70, or violated safety regulations pursuant to s. 316.302 or

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insurance requirements found in s. 627.7415. Such out-of-service orders shall have the effect of prohibiting the operations of any motor vehicles owned, leased, or otherwise operated by the motor carrier upon the roadways of this state, until such time as the violations have been corrected or penalties have been paid. Out-of-service orders issued under this section must be approved by the Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee. An administrative hearing pursuant to s. 120.569 shall be afforded to motor carriers subject to such orders.

Section 14. Subsection (3) of section 316.545, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.545 Weight and load unlawful; special fuel and motor fuel tax enforcement; inspection; penalty; review.—

- (3) Any person who violates the overloading provisions of this chapter shall be conclusively presumed to have damaged the highways of this state by reason of such overloading, which damage is hereby fixed as follows:
- (a) When the excess weight is 200 pounds or less than the maximum herein provided, the penalty shall be \$10;
- (b) Five cents per pound for each pound of weight in excess of the maximum herein provided when the excess weight exceeds 200 pounds. However, whenever the gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles does not exceed the maximum allowable gross weight, the maximum fine for the first 600 pounds of unlawful axle weight shall be \$10;
- (c) For a vehicle equipped with fully functional idlereduction technology, any penalty shall be calculated by reducing the actual gross vehicle weight or the internal bridge

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weight by the certified weight of the idle-reduction technology or by 400 pounds, whichever is less. The vehicle operator must present written certification of the weight of the idle-reduction technology and must demonstrate or certify that the idle-reduction technology is fully functional at all times. This calculation is not allowed for vehicles described in s. 316.535(6);

- (d) An <u>apportionable</u> apportioned motor vehicle, as defined in s. 320.01, operating on the highways of this state without being properly licensed and registered shall be subject to the penalties as herein provided; and
- (e) Vehicles operating on the highways of this state from nonmember International Registration Plan jurisdictions which are not in compliance with the provisions of s. 316.605 shall be subject to the penalties as herein provided.
- Section 15. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) and subsection (10) of section 316.550, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 316.550 Operations not in conformity with law; special permits.—
- (5)(a) The Department of Transportation may issue a wrecker special blanket permit to authorize a wrecker as defined in s. 320.01(40) to tow a disabled vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(38) where the combination of the wrecker and the disabled vehicle being towed exceeds the maximum weight limits as established by s. 316.535.
- (10) Whenever any motor vehicle, or the combination of a wrecker as defined in s. $320.01\frac{(40)}{}$ and a towed motor vehicle, exceeds any weight or dimensional criteria or special

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operational or safety stipulation contained in a special permit issued under the provisions of this section, the penalty assessed to the owner or operator shall be as follows:

(a) For violation of weight criteria contained in a special permit, the penalty per pound or portion thereof exceeding the permitted weight shall be as provided in s. 316.545.

- (b) For each violation of dimensional criteria in a special permit, the penalty shall be as provided in s. 316.516 and penalties for multiple violations of dimensional criteria shall be cumulative except that the total penalty for the vehicle shall not exceed \$1,000.
- (c) For each violation of an operational or safety stipulation in a special permit, the penalty shall be an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per violation and penalties for multiple violations of operational or safety stipulations shall be cumulative except that the total penalty for the vehicle shall not exceed \$1,000.
- (d) For violation of any special condition that has been prescribed in the rules of the Department of Transportation and declared on the permit, the vehicle shall be determined to be out of conformance with the permit and the permit shall be declared null and void for the vehicle, and weight and dimensional limits for the vehicle shall be as established in s. 316.515 or s. 316.535, whichever is applicable, and:
- 1. For weight violations, a penalty as provided in s. 316.545 shall be assessed for those weights which exceed the limits thus established for the vehicle; and

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2. For dimensional, operational, or safety violations, a penalty as established in paragraph (c) or s. 316.516, whichever is applicable, shall be assessed for each nonconforming dimensional, operational, or safety violation and the penalties for multiple violations shall be cumulative for the vehicle.

Section 16. Subsection (9) of section 317.0003, Florida

Statutes, is amended to read:

317.0003 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(9) "ROV" means any motorized recreational off-highway vehicle 64 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 2,000 pounds or less, designed to travel on four or more nonhighway tires, having nonstraddle seating and a steering wheel, and manufactured for recreational use by one or more persons. The term "ROV" does not include a golf cart as defined in ss. 320.01(22) and 316.003(68) or a low-speed vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(42).

Section 17. Section 317.0016, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

317.0016 Expedited service; applications; fees.—The department shall provide, through its agents and for use by the public, expedited service on title transfers, title issuances, duplicate titles, and recordation of liens, and certificates of repossession. A fee of \$7 shall be charged for this service, which is in addition to the fees imposed by ss. 317.0007 and 317.0008, and \$3.50 of this fee shall be retained by the processing agency. All remaining fees shall be deposited in the Incidental Trust Fund of the Division of Forestry of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Application for

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expedited service may be made by mail or in person. The department shall issue each title applied for pursuant to this section within 5 working days after receipt of the application except for an application for a duplicate title certificate covered by s. 317.0008(3), in which case the title must be issued within 5 working days after compliance with the department's verification requirements.

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Section 18. Subsection (9) and paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of section 318.14, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

318.14 Noncriminal traffic infractions; exception;
procedures.—

Any person who does not hold a commercial driver's license and who is cited while driving a noncommercial motor vehicle for an infraction under this section other than a violation of s. 316.183(2), s. 316.187, or s. 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 and points, as provided by s. 322.27, may not be assessed. 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 within his or her lifetime 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. If a person makes an election to attend a basic driver improvement course under this subsection, 18 percent of the civil penalty imposed under s. 318.18(3) shall be deposited in the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund; however, that portion is not revenue for purposes of s. 28.36 and may not be used in establishing the budget of the clerk of the court under that section or s. 28.35.

- (10) (a) Any person who does not hold a commercial driver's license and who is cited while driving a noncommercial motor vehicle for an offense listed under this subsection may, in lieu of payment of fine or court appearance, elect to enter a plea of nolo contendere and provide proof of compliance to the clerk of the court, designated official, or authorized operator of a traffic violations bureau. In such case, adjudication shall be withheld; however, no election shall be made under this subsection if such person has made an election under this subsection in the 12 months preceding election hereunder. No person may make more than three elections under this subsection. This subsection applies to the following offenses:
- 1. Operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license in violation of the provisions of s. 322.03, s. 322.065, or s. 322.15(1), or operating a motor vehicle with a license that has been suspended for failure to appear, failure to pay civil penalty, or failure to attend a driver improvement course pursuant to s. 322.291.
- 2. Operating a motor vehicle without a valid registration in violation of s. 320.0605, s. 320.07, or s. 320.131.
 - 3. Operating a motor vehicle in violation of s. 316.646.

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4. Operating a motor vehicle with a license that has been suspended under s. 61.13016 or s. 322.245 for failure to pay child support or for failure to pay any other financial obligation as provided in s. 322.245; however, this subparagraph does not apply if the license has been suspended pursuant to s. 322.245(1).

- 5. Operating a motor vehicle with a license that has been suspended under s. 322.091 for failure to meet school attendance requirements.
- Section 19. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 318.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 318.15 Failure to comply with civil penalty or to appear; penalty.—
- (1) (a) If a person fails to comply with the civil penalties provided in s. 318.18 within the time period specified in s. 318.14(4), fails to enter into or comply with the terms of a penalty payment plan with the clerk of the court in accordance with ss. 318.14 and 28.246, fails to attend driver improvement school, or fails to appear at a scheduled hearing, the clerk of the court shall notify the Division of Driver Licenses of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles of such failure within 10 days after such failure. Upon receipt of such notice, the department shall immediately issue an order suspending the driver's license and privilege to drive of such person effective 20 days after the date the order of suspension is mailed in accordance with s. 322.251(1), (2), and (6). Any such suspension of the driving privilege which has not been reinstated, including a similar suspension imposed outside Florida, shall

remain on the records of the department for a period of 7 years from the date imposed and shall be removed from the records after the expiration of 7 years from the date it is imposed.

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Section 20. Section 319.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 319.14 Sale of motor vehicles registered or used as taxicabs, police vehicles, lease vehicles, or rebuilt vehicles, and nonconforming vehicles, custom vehicles, or street rod vehicles.—
- A No person may not shall knowingly offer for sale, (1)(a) sell, or exchange any vehicle that has been licensed, registered, or used as a taxicab, police vehicle, or short-termlease vehicle, or a vehicle that has been repurchased by a manufacturer pursuant to a settlement, determination, or decision under chapter 681, until the department has stamped in a conspicuous place on the certificate of title of the vehicle, or its duplicate, words stating the nature of the previous use of the vehicle or the title has been stamped "Manufacturer's Buy Back" to reflect that the vehicle is a nonconforming vehicle. If the certificate of title or duplicate was not so stamped upon initial issuance thereof or if, subsequent to initial issuance of the title, the use of the vehicle is changed to a use requiring the notation provided for in this section, the owner or lienholder of the vehicle shall surrender the certificate of title or duplicate to the department before prior to offering the vehicle for sale, and the department shall stamp the certificate or duplicate as required herein. If When a vehicle has been repurchased by a manufacturer pursuant to a settlement,

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determination, or decision under chapter 681, the title shall be stamped "Manufacturer's Buy Back" to reflect that the vehicle is a nonconforming vehicle.

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- A No person may not shall knowingly offer for sale, sell, or exchange a rebuilt vehicle until the department has stamped in a conspicuous place on the certificate of title for the vehicle words stating that the vehicle has been rebuilt or assembled from parts, or is a kit car, glider kit, replica, or flood vehicle, custom vehicle, or street rod vehicle unless proper application for a certificate of title for a vehicle that is rebuilt or assembled from parts, or is a kit car, glider kit, replica, or flood vehicle, custom vehicle, or street rod vehicle has been made to the department in accordance with this chapter and the department has conducted the physical examination of the vehicle to assure the identity of the vehicle and all major component parts, as defined in s. 319.30(1), which have been repaired or replaced. Thereafter, the department shall affix a decal to the vehicle, in the manner prescribed by the department, showing the vehicle to be rebuilt. A vehicle may not be inspected or issued a rebuilt title until all major component parts, as defined in s. 319.30, which were damaged have been repaired or replaced.
 - (c) As used in this section, the term:
- 1. "Police vehicle" means a motor vehicle owned or leased by the state or a county or municipality and used in law enforcement.
- 2.a. "Short-term-lease vehicle" means a motor vehicle leased without a driver and under a written agreement to one or

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more persons from time to time for a period of less than 12 months.

- b. "Long-term-lease vehicle" means a motor vehicle leased without a driver and under a written agreement to one person for a period of 12 months or longer.
- c. "Lease vehicle" includes both short-term-lease vehicles and long-term-lease vehicles.
- 3. "Rebuilt vehicle" means a motor vehicle or mobile home built from salvage or junk, as defined in s. 319.30(1).
- 4. "Assembled from parts" means a motor vehicle or mobile home assembled from parts or combined from parts of motor vehicles or mobile homes, new or used. "Assembled from parts" does not mean a motor vehicle defined as a "rebuilt vehicle" in subparagraph 3., which has been declared a total loss pursuant to s. 319.30.
- 5. "Kit car" means a motor vehicle assembled with a kit supplied by a manufacturer to rebuild a wrecked or outdated motor vehicle with a new body kit.
- 6. "Glider kit" means a vehicle assembled with a kit supplied by a manufacturer to rebuild a wrecked or outdated truck or truck tractor.
- 7. "Replica" means a complete new motor vehicle manufactured to look like an old vehicle.
- 8. "Flood vehicle" means a motor vehicle or mobile home that has been declared to be a total loss pursuant to s. 319.30(3)(a) resulting from damage caused by water.
- 9. "Nonconforming vehicle" means a motor vehicle which has been purchased by a manufacturer pursuant to a settlement,

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determination, or decision under chapter 681.

- 10. "Settlement" means an agreement entered into between a manufacturer and a consumer that occurs after a dispute is submitted to a program, or an informal dispute settlement procedure established by a manufacturer or is approved for arbitration before the New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board as defined in s. 681.102.
 - 11. "Custom vehicle" means a motor vehicle that:
- a. Is 25 years of age or older and of a model year after

 1948, or was manufactured to resemble a vehicle that is 25 years

 of age or older and of a model year after 1948; and
- <u>b. Has been altered from the manufacturer's original</u> design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.

The model year and year of manufacture which the body of a custom vehicle resembles is the model year and year of manufacture listed on the certificate of title, regardless of when the vehicle was actually manufactured.

- 12. "Street rod" means a motor vehicle that:
- a. Is a model year of 1948 or older or was manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle of a model year of 1948 or older; and
- b. Has been altered from the manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.

The model year and year of manufacture which the body of a street rod resembles is the model year and year of manufacture listed on the certificate of title, regardless of when the

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vehicle was actually manufactured.

- transfer a vehicle referred to in subsection (1) without, before prior to consummating the sale, exchange, or transfer, disclosing in writing to the purchaser, customer, or transferee the fact that the vehicle has previously been titled, registered, or used as a taxicab, police vehicle, or short-termlease vehicle, or is a vehicle that is rebuilt or assembled from parts, or is a kit car, glider kit, replica, or flood vehicle, or is a nonconforming vehicle, custom vehicle, or street rod vehicle, as the case may be.
- exchange any vehicle referred to in subsection (1), knowingly or intentionally advertises, publishes, disseminates, circulates, or places before the public in any communications medium, whether directly or indirectly, any offer to sell or exchange the vehicle shall clearly and precisely state in each such offer that the vehicle has previously been titled, registered, or used as a taxicab, police vehicle, or short-term-lease vehicle or that the vehicle or mobile home is a vehicle that is rebuilt or assembled from parts, ex is a kit car, glider kit, replica, or flood vehicle, or is a nonconforming vehicle, custom vehicle, or street rod vehicle, as the case may be. Any person who violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (4) <u>If When</u> a certificate of title, including a foreign certificate, is branded to reflect a condition or prior use of the titled vehicle, the brand must be noted on the registration

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certificate of the vehicle and such brand shall be carried forward on all subsequent certificates of title and registration certificates issued for the life of the vehicle.

- (5) Any person who knowingly sells, exchanges, or offers to sell or exchange a motor vehicle or mobile home contrary to the provisions of this section or any officer, agent, or employee of a person who knowingly authorizes, directs, aids in, or consents to the sale, exchange, or offer to sell or exchange a motor vehicle or mobile home contrary to the provisions of this section commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (6) Any person who removes a rebuilt decal from a rebuilt vehicle with the intent to conceal the rebuilt status of the vehicle commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (7) This section applies to a mobile home, travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper, or fifth-wheel recreation trailer only when <u>the such</u> mobile home or vehicle is a rebuilt vehicle or is assembled from parts.
- (8) A No person is not shall be liable or accountable in any civil action arising out of a violation of this section if the designation of the previous use or condition of the motor vehicle is not noted on the certificate of title and registration certificate of the vehicle which was received by, or delivered to, such person, unless the such person has actively concealed the prior use or condition of the vehicle from the purchaser.
 - (9) Subsections (1), (2), and (3) do not apply to the

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transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle after the motor vehicle has ceased to be used as a lease vehicle and the ownership has been transferred to an owner for private use or to the transfer of ownership of a nonconforming vehicle with 36,000 or more miles on its odometer, or 34 months whichever is later and the ownership has been transferred to an owner for private use. Such owner, as shown on the title certificate, may request the department to issue a corrected certificate of title that does not contain the statement of the previous use of the vehicle as a lease vehicle or condition as a nonconforming vehicle.

Section 21. Section 319.225, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

319.225 Transfer and reassignment forms; odometer disclosure statements.—

- (1) Every certificate of title issued by the department must contain the following statement on its reverse side:

 "Federal and state law require the completion of the odometer statement set out below. Failure to complete or providing false information may result in fines, imprisonment, or both."
- (2) Each certificate of title issued by the department must contain on its reverse side a form for transfer of title by the titleholder of record, which form must contain an odometer disclosure statement in the form required by 49 C.F.R. s. 580.5.
- (3) Each certificate of title issued by the department must contain on its reverse side as many forms as space allows for reassignment of title by a licensed dealer as permitted by s. 319.21(3), which form or forms shall contain an odometer disclosure statement in the form required by 49 C.F.R. s. 580.5.

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When all dealer reassignment forms provided on the back of the title certificate have been filled in, a dealer may reassign the title certificate by using a separate dealer reassignment form issued by the department in compliance with 49 C.F.R. ss. 580.4 and 580.5, which form shall contain an original, two carbon copies one of which shall be submitted directly to the department by the dealer within 5 business days after the transfer and a copy, one of which shall be retained by the dealer in his or her records for 5 years. The provisions of this subsection shall also apply to vehicles not previously titled in this state and vehicles whose title certificates do not contain the forms required by this section.

Upon transfer or reassignment of a certificate of title to a used motor vehicle, the transferor shall complete the odometer disclosure statement provided for by this section and the transferee shall acknowledge the disclosure by signing and printing his or her name in the spaces provided. This subsection does not apply to a vehicle that has a gross vehicle rating of more than 16,000 pounds, a vehicle that is not self-propelled, or a vehicle that is 10 years old or older. A lessor who transfers title to his or her vehicle without obtaining possession of the vehicle shall make odometer disclosure as provided by 49 C.F.R. s. 580.7. Any person who fails to complete or acknowledge a disclosure statement as required by this subsection commits is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. The department may not issue a certificate of title unless this subsection has been complied with.

(5) The same person may not sign a disclosure statement as both the transferor and the transferee in the same transaction except as provided in subsection (6).

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If the certificate of title is physically held by a lienholder, the transferor may give a power of attorney to his or her transferee for the purpose of odometer disclosure. The power of attorney must be on a form issued or authorized by the department, which form must be in compliance with 49 C.F.R. ss. 580.4 and 580.13. The department shall not require the signature of the transferor to be notarized on the form; however, in lieu of notarization, the form shall include an affidavit with the following wording: UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE. The transferee shall sign the power of attorney form, print his or her name, and return a copy of the power of attorney form to the transferor. Upon receipt of a title certificate, the transferee shall complete the space for mileage disclosure on the title certificate exactly as the mileage was disclosed by the transferor on the power of attorney form. If the transferee is a licensed motor vehicle dealer who is transferring the vehicle to a retail purchaser, the dealer shall make application on behalf of the retail purchaser as provided in s. 319.23(6) and shall submit the original power of attorney form to the department with the application for title and the transferor's title certificate; otherwise, a dealer may reassign the title certificate by using the dealer reassignment form in the manner prescribed in subsection (3), and, at the time of physical transfer of the vehicle, the original power of attorney

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shall be delivered to the person designated as the transferee of the dealer on the dealer reassignment form. A copy of the executed power of attorney shall be submitted to the department with a copy of the executed dealer reassignment form within 5 business days after the certificate of title and dealer reassignment form are delivered by the dealer to its transferee.

If the certificate of title is lost or otherwise unavailable, the transferor may give a power of attorney to his or her transferee for the purpose of odometer disclosure. The power of attorney must be on a form issued or authorized by the department, which form must be in compliance with 49 C.F.R. ss. 580.4 and 580.13. The department shall not require the signature of the transferor to be notarized on the form; however, in lieu of notarization, the form shall include an affidavit with the following wording: UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE. The transferee shall sign the power of attorney form, print his or her name, and return a copy of the power of attorney form to the transferor. Upon receipt of the title certificate or a duplicate title certificate, the transferee shall complete the space for mileage disclosure on the title certificate exactly as the mileage was disclosed by the transferor on the power of attorney form. If the transferee is a licensed motor vehicle dealer who is transferring the vehicle to a retail purchaser, the dealer shall make application on behalf of the retail purchaser as provided in s. 319.23(6) and shall submit the original power of attorney form to the department with the application for title and the transferor's title

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certificate or duplicate title certificate; otherwise, a dealer may reassign the title certificate by using the dealer reassignment form in the manner prescribed in subsection (3), and, at the time of physical transfer of the vehicle, the original power of attorney shall be delivered to the person designated as the transferee of the dealer on the dealer reassignment form. If the dealer sells the vehicle to an out-ofstate resident or an out-of-state dealer and the power of attorney form is applicable to the transaction, the dealer must photocopy the completed original of the form and mail it directly to the department within 5 business days after the certificate of title and dealer reassignment form are delivered by the dealer to the purchaser. A copy of the executed power of attorney shall be submitted to the department with a copy of the executed dealer reassignment form within 5 business days after the duplicate certificate of title and dealer reassignment form are delivered by the dealer to its transferee.

vehicle in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) are determined to be incompatible with and unlawful under the provisions of 49 C.F.R. part 580, the transfer of title to a motor vehicle by operation of this subsection can be effected in any manner not inconsistent with 49 C.F.R. part 580 and Florida law; provided, any power of attorney form issued or authorized by the department under this subsection shall contain an original, two carbon copies, one of which shall be submitted directly to the department by the dealer within 5 business days of use by the dealer to effect

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transfer of a title certificate as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) and \underline{a} copy, one of which shall be retained by the dealer in its records for 5 years.

- (d) Any person who fails to complete the information required by this subsection or to file with the department the forms required by this subsection commits is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. The department shall not issue a certificate of title unless this subsection has been complied with.
- (7) Subject to approval by the National Highway Traffic
 Safety Administration or any other applicable authority, if a
 title is held electronically and the transferee agrees to
 maintain the title electronically, the transferor and transferee
 shall complete a secure reassignment document that discloses the
 odometer reading and is signed by both the transferor and
 transferee at the tax collector's office or license plate
 agency. A dealer acquiring a motor vehicle that has an
 electronic title shall use a secure reassignment document signed
 by the person from whom the dealer acquired the motor vehicle.
 Upon transferring the motor vehicle to a purchaser, a separate
 reassignment document shall be executed.
- (8)(7) Each certificate of title issued by the department must contain on its reverse side a minimum of three four spaces for notation of the name and license number of any auction through which the vehicle is sold and the date the vehicle was auctioned. Each separate dealer reassignment form issued by the department must also have the space referred to in this section.

When a transfer of title is made at a motor vehicle auction, the reassignment must note the name and address of the auction, but the auction shall not thereby be deemed to be the owner, seller, transferor, or assignor of title. A motor vehicle auction is required to execute a dealer reassignment only when it is the owner of a vehicle being sold.

- (9)(8) Upon transfer or reassignment of a used motor vehicle through the services of an auction, the auction shall complete the information in the space provided for by subsection (8) (7). Any person who fails to complete the information as required by this subsection commits is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. The department shall not issue a certificate of title unless this subsection has been complied with.
- (10) (9) This section shall be construed to conform to 49 C.F.R. part 580.
 - Section 22. Subsection (6) of section 319.23, Florida Statutes, is amended, present subsections (7) through (11) of that section are renumbered as subsections (8) through (12), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:
- 319.23 Application for, and issuance of, certificate of title.—
- (6)(a) In the case of the sale of a motor vehicle or mobile home by a licensed dealer to a general purchaser, the certificate of title must be obtained in the name of the purchaser by the dealer upon application signed by the purchaser, and in each other case such certificate must be

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obtained by the purchaser. In each case of transfer of a motor vehicle or mobile home, the application for a certificate of title, a corrected certificate, or an assignment or reassignment must be filed within 30 days after the delivery of the motor vehicle or from consummation of the sale of a mobile home to the purchaser. An applicant must pay a fee of \$20, in addition to all other fees and penalties required by law, for failing to file such application within the specified time. In the case of the sale of a motor vehicle by a licensed motor vehicle dealer to a general purchaser who resides in another state or country, the dealer is not required to apply for a certificate of title for the motor vehicle; however, the dealer must transfer ownership and reassign the certificate of title or manufacturer's certificate of origin to the purchaser, and the purchaser must sign an affidavit, as approved by the department, that the purchaser will title and register the motor vehicle in another state or country.

- (b) If a licensed dealer acquires a motor vehicle or mobile home as a trade-in, the dealer must file with the department, within 30 days, a notice of sale signed by the seller. The department shall update its database for that title record to indicate "sold." A licensed dealer need not apply for a certificate of title for any motor vehicle or mobile home in stock acquired for stock purposes except as provided in s. 319.225.
- (7) If an applicant for a certificate of title is unable to provide the department with a certificate of title that assigns the prior owner's interest in the motor vehicle, the

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department may accept a bond in the form prescribed by the department, along with an affidavit in a form prescribed by the department, which includes verification of the vehicle identification number and an application for title.

(a) The bond must be:

- 1. In a form prescribed by the department;
- 2. Executed by the applicant;

- 1100 3. Issued by a person authorized to conduct a surety
 1101 business in this state;
 - 4. In an amount equal to two times the value of the vehicle as determined by the department; and
 - 5. Conditioned to indemnify all prior owners and lienholders and all subsequent purchasers of the vehicle or persons who acquire a security interest in the vehicle, and their successors in interest, against any expense, loss, or damage, including reasonable attorney's fees, occurring because of the issuance of the certificate of title for the vehicle or for a defect in or undisclosed security interest on the right, title, or interest of the applicant to the vehicle.
 - (b) An interested person has a right to recover on the bond for a breach of the bond's condition. The aggregate liability of the surety to all persons may not exceed the amount of the bond.
 - (c) A bond under this subsection expires on the third anniversary of the date the bond became effective.
 - (d) The affidavit must:
 - 1. Be in a form prescribed by the department;
- 1120 2. Include the facts and circumstances through which the

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applicant acquired ownership and possession of the motor
vehicle;

- 3. Disclose that no security interests, liens, or encumbrances against the motor vehicle are known to the applicant against the motor vehicle; and
- 4. State that the applicant has the right to have a certificate of title issued.
- Section 23. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 319.28, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1130 319.28 Transfer of ownership by operation of law.—

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In case of repossession of a motor vehicle or mobile home pursuant to the terms of a security agreement or similar instrument, an affidavit by the party to whom possession has passed stating that the vehicle or mobile home was repossessed upon default in the terms of the security agreement or other instrument shall be considered satisfactory proof of ownership and right of possession. At least 5 days before prior to selling the repossessed vehicle, any subsequent lienholder named in the last issued certificate of title shall be sent notice of the repossession by certified mail, on a form prescribed by the department. If such notice is given and no written protest to the department is presented by a subsequent lienholder within 15 days after from the date on which the notice was mailed, the certificate of title or the certificate of repossession shall be issued showing no liens. If the former owner or any subsequent lienholder files a written protest under oath within such 15-day period, the department shall not issue the certificate of title

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or certificate of repossession for 10 days thereafter. If within the 10-day period no injunction or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction has been served on the department commanding it not to deliver the certificate of title or certificate of repossession, the department shall deliver the certificate of title or repossession to the applicant or as may otherwise be directed in the application showing no other liens than those shown in the application. Any lienholder who has repossessed a vehicle in this state in compliance with the provisions of this section must apply to a tax collector's office in this state or to the department for a certificate of repossession or to the department for a certificate of title pursuant to s. 319.323. Proof of the required notice to subsequent lienholders shall be submitted together with regular title fees. A lienholder to whom a certificate of repossession has been issued may assign the certificate of title to the subsequent owner. Any person who violates found guilty of violating any requirements of this paragraph commits shall be quilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. Section 24. Section 319.323, Florida Statutes, is amended

to read:

319.323 Expedited service; applications; fees.—The department shall establish a separate title office which may be used by private citizens and licensed motor vehicle dealers to receive expedited service on title transfers, title issuances, duplicate titles, and recordation of liens, and certificates of repossession. A fee of \$10 shall be charged for this service,

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which fee is in addition to the fees imposed by s. 319.32. The fee, after deducting the amount referenced by s. 319.324 and \$3.50 to be retained by the processing agency, shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. Application for expedited service may be made by mail or in person. The department shall issue each title applied for under this section within 5 working days after receipt of the application except for an application for a duplicate title certificate covered by s. 319.23(4), in which case the title must be issued within 5 working days after compliance with the department's verification requirements.

Section 25. Section 319.40, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 319.40 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—
- $\underline{\mbox{(1)}}$ The department $\underline{\mbox{may}}$ is authorized to accept any application provided for under this chapter by electronic or telephonic means.
- (2) The department may issue an electronic certificate of title in lieu of printing a paper title.
- (3) The department may collect and use electronic mail addresses as a notification method in lieu of the United States Postal Service.

Section 26. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 320.01, Florida Statutes, is amended, present subsections (24) through (45) are renumbered as subsections (23) through (44), respectively, and present subsections (23), (25), and (26) of that section are amended, to read:

320.01 Definitions, general.—As used in the Florida

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Statutes, except as otherwise provided, the term:

(1) "Motor vehicle" means:

- (a) An automobile, motorcycle, truck, trailer, semitrailer, truck tractor and semitrailer combination, or any other vehicle operated on the roads of this state, used to transport persons or property, and propelled by power other than muscular power, but the term does not include traction engines, road rollers, special mobile equipment as defined in chapter 316, such vehicles as run only upon a track, bicycles, or mopeds.
- (23) "Apportioned motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle which is required to be registered, or with respect to which an election has been made to register it, under the International Registration Plan.
- (24) (25) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle, except recreational vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pickup and delivery vehicles, buses used in transportation of chartered parties, and government-owned vehicles, which is used or intended for use in two or more member jurisdictions that allocate or proportionally register vehicles and which is used for the transportation of persons for hire or is designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property and:
- (a) Is a power unit having a gross vehicle weight in excess of $26,000 \frac{26,001}{1000}$ pounds;
- (b) Is a power unit having three or more axles, regardless of weight; or
 - (c) Is used in combination, when the weight of such

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(25) (26) "Commercial motor vehicle" means any vehicle that which is not owned or operated by a governmental entity, that which uses special fuel or motor fuel on the public highways, and that which has a gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more, or has three or more axles regardless of weight, or is used in combination when the weight of such combination exceeds 26,000 26,001 pounds gross vehicle weight. A vehicle that occasionally transports personal property to and from a closedcourse motorsport facility, as defined in s. 549.09(1)(a), is not a commercial motor vehicle if the use is not for profit and corporate sponsorship is not involved. As used in this subsection, the term "corporate sponsorship" means a payment, donation, gratuity, in-kind service, or other benefit provided to or derived by a person in relation to the underlying activity, other than the display of product or corporate names, logos, or other graphic information on the property being

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Section 27. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 320.02, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (18) is added to that section, to read:

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320.02 Registration required; application for registration; forms.—

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(2) (a) The application for registration shall include the

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street address of the owner's permanent residence or the address of his or her permanent place of business and shall be accompanied by personal or business identification information which may include, but need not be limited to, a driver's license number, Florida identification card number, or federal employer identification number. If the owner does not have a permanent residence or permanent place of business or if the owner's permanent residence or permanent place of business cannot be identified by a street address, the application shall include:

- 1. If the vehicle is registered to a business, the name and street address of the permanent residence of an owner of the business, an officer of the corporation, or an employee who is in a supervisory position.
- 2. If the vehicle is registered to an individual, the name and street address of the permanent residence of a close relative or friend who is a resident of this state.

If the vehicle is registered to an active-duty military member who is a Florida resident, the member is exempt from the requirement to provide a Florida residential address.

- (b) The department shall prescribe a form upon which motor vehicle owners may record odometer readings when registering their motor vehicles.
- (4) The owner of any motor vehicle registered in the state shall notify the department in writing of any change of address within 20 days of such change. The notification shall include the registration license plate number, the vehicle

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identification number (VIN) or title certificate number, year of vehicle make, and the owner's full name. Any owner or registrant who possesses a Florida driver's license or identification card and changes residence or mailing address must obtain a replacement as provided for in s. 322.19(2) before changing the address on the motor vehicle record.

- (18) All electronic registration records shall be retained by the department for not less than 10 years.
- 1297 Section 28. Subsection (9) is added to section 320.023, 1298 Florida Statutes, to read:
 - 320.023 Requests to establish voluntary checkoff on motor vehicle registration application.—
 - (9) The department may annually retain from the first proceeds derived from the voluntary contributions collected an amount sufficient to defray for each voluntary contribution the pro rata share of the department's costs directly related to the voluntary contributions program. Such costs include renewal notices, postage, distribution costs, direct costs to the department, and costs associated with reviewing each organization's compliance with the audit and attestation requirements of this section. The balance of the proceeds from the voluntary contributions collected shall be distributed as provided by law.
- Section 29. Subsections (7) and (8) of section 320.03, 1313 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 1314 320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors; 1315 International Registration Plan.—
 - (7) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

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shall register <u>apportionable</u> <u>apportioned motor</u> vehicles under the provisions of the International Registration Plan. The department may adopt rules to implement and enforce the provisions of the plan.

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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 governmental entity or the clerk of court that provided the data 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(8)(7)(b).

- Section 30. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) and subsection (5) of section 320.05, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
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- (b) Fees therefor shall be charged and collected as follows:
- 1. For providing lists of motor vehicle or vessel records for the entire state, or any part or parts thereof, divided according to counties, a sum computed at a rate of not less than 1 cent nor more than 5 cents per item.
- 2. For providing noncertified photographic copies of motor vehicle or vessel documents, \$1 per page.
- 3. For providing noncertified photographic copies of micrographic records, \$1 per page.
- 4. For providing certified copies of motor vehicle or vessel records, \$3 per record.
- 5. For providing noncertified computer-generated printouts of motor vehicle or vessel records, 50 cents per record.
- 6. For providing certified computer-generated printouts of motor vehicle or vessel records, \$3 per record.
 - 7. For providing electronic access to motor vehicle,

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vessel, and mobile home registration data requested by tag,
vehicle identification number, title number, or decal number, 50
cents per item.

- 8. For providing electronic access to driver's license status report by name, sex, and date of birth or by driver license number, 50 cents per item.
- 9. For providing lists of licensed mobile home dealers and manufacturers and recreational vehicle dealers and manufacturers, \$15 per list.
- 1382 10. For providing lists of licensed motor vehicle dealers, 1383 \$25 per list.
 - 11. For each copy of a videotape record, \$15 per tape.
 - 12. For each copy of the Division of Motor Vehicles
 Procedures Manual, \$25.
 - (5) The creation and maintenance of records by the <u>Division of Motorist Services within the</u> department and the <u>Division of Motor Vehicles</u> pursuant to this chapter shall not be regarded as law enforcement functions of agency recordkeeping.
 - Section 31. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of section 320.06, Florida Statutes, and subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:
 - 320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and validation stickers generally.—
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(d) The department may conduct a pilot program to evaluate designs, concepts, and technologies for alternative license plate technologies. The pilot program shall investigate the feasibility and use of alternative license plate technologies

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1401 and shall be limited to license plates that are used on 1402 government-owned motor vehicles, as defined in s. 320.0655. 1403 Government license plates in the pilot program are exempt from 1404 current license plate requirements in paragraph (3)(a). 1405 All license plates issued pursuant to this chapter are 1406 the property of the State of Florida. 1407 Section 32. Section 320.061, Florida Statutes, is amended 1408 to read: 1409 320.061 Unlawful to alter motor vehicle registration 1410 certificates, temporary license plates, license plates, mobile 1411 home stickers, or validation stickers or to obscure license plates; penalty.-No person shall alter the original appearance 1412 1413 of any registration license plate, temporary license plate, 1414 mobile home sticker, validation sticker, or vehicle registration 1415 certificate issued for and assigned to any motor vehicle or 1416 mobile home, whether by mutilation, alteration, defacement, or 1417 change of color or in any other manner. No person shall apply or 1418 attach any substance, reflective matter, illuminated device, 1419 spray, coating, covering, or other material onto or around any 1420 license plate that interferes with the legibility, angular 1421 visibility, or detectability of any feature or detail on the 1422 license plate or interferes with the ability to record any 1423 feature or detail on the license plate. Any person who violates 1424 this section commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, 1425 punishable as a moving violation as provided in chapter 318. 1426 Section 33. Subsection (1) of section 320.071, Florida

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320.071 Advance registration renewal; procedures.-

Statutes, is amended to read:

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(1) (a) The owner of any motor vehicle or mobile home currently registered in this state may file an application for renewal of registration with the department, or its authorized agent in the county wherein the owner resides, any time during the 3 months preceding the date of expiration of the registration period. The registration period may not exceed 27 months.

- (b) The owner of any apportionable apportioned motor vehicle currently registered in this state under the provisions of the International Registration Plan may file an application for renewal of registration with the department any time during the 3 months preceding the date of expiration of the registration period.
- Section 34. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 320.0715, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 320.0715 International Registration Plan; motor carrier services; permits; retention of records.—
- (1) All <u>apportionable</u> commercial motor vehicles domiciled in this state and engaged in interstate commerce shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of the International Registration Plan and shall display apportioned license plates.
- (3) (a) If the department is unable to immediately issue the apportioned license plate to an applicant currently registered in this state under the International Registration Plan or to a vehicle currently titled in this state, the department or its designated agent is authorized to issue a 60-day temporary operational permit. The department or agent of the

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department shall charge a \$3 fee and the service charge authorized by s. 320.04 for each temporary operational permit it issues.

- (b) The department shall in no event issue a temporary operational permit for any apportionable commercial motor vehicle to any applicant until the applicant has shown that:
- 1. All sales or use taxes due on the registration of the vehicle are paid; and
- 2. Insurance requirements have been met in accordance with ss. 320.02(5) and 627.7415.
- (c) Issuance of a temporary operational permit provides commercial motor vehicle registration privileges in each International Registration Plan member jurisdiction designated on said permit and therefore requires payment of all applicable registration fees and taxes due for that period of registration.
- (d) Application for permanent registration must be made to the department within 10 days <u>following from</u> issuance of a temporary operational permit. Failure to file an application within this 10-day period may result in cancellation of the temporary operational permit.
- Section 35. Paragraph (d) of subsection (5) of section 320.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 320.08 License taxes.—Except as otherwise provided herein, there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes for the operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, motorized bicycles as defined in s. 316.003(2), tri-vehicles as defined in s. 316.003, and mobile homes, as defined in s. 320.01, which shall be paid to and collected by the department or its agent upon the

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registration or renewal of registration of the following:

- (5) SEMITRAILERS, FEES ACCORDING TO GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT; SCHOOL BUSES; SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES.—
- (d) A wrecker, as defined in s. $320.01\frac{(40)}{(40)}$, which is used to tow a vessel as defined in s. 327.02(39), a disabled, abandoned, stolen-recovered, or impounded motor vehicle as defined in s. $320.01\frac{(38)}{(39)}$; or a replacement motor vehicle as defined in s. $320.01\frac{(39)}{(39)}$: \$41 flat, of which \$11 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

Section 36. Subsection (1) of section 320.0847, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.0847 Mini truck and low-speed vehicle license plates.-

- (1) The department shall issue a license plate to the owner or lessee of any vehicle registered as a low-speed vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(42) or a mini truck as defined in s. 320.01(45) upon payment of the appropriate license taxes and fees prescribed in s. 320.08.
- Section 37. Subsection (4) of section 320.0848, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 320.0848 Persons who have disabilities; issuance of disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for certain providers of transportation services to persons who have disabilities.—
- (4) From the proceeds of the temporary disabled parking permit fees:
- (a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must receive \$3.50 for each temporary permit, to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and used for

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implementing the real-time disabled parking permit database and for administering the disabled parking permit program.

- (b) The tax collector, for processing, must receive \$2.50 for each temporary permit.
 - (c) The remainder must be distributed monthly as follows:
- Rehabilitation, known as "The Able Trust," Florida Governor's Alliance for the Employment of Disabled Citizens for the purpose of improving employment and training opportunities for persons who have disabilities, with special emphasis on removing transportation barriers, \$4. These fees must be directly deposited into the Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation as established in s. 413.615 Transportation

 Disadvantaged Trust Fund for transfer to the Florida Governor's Alliance for Employment of Disabled Citizens.
- 2. To the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund to be used for funding matching grants to counties for the purpose of improving transportation of persons who have disabilities, \$5.
- Section 38. 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 Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; Combat Infantry Badge recipients; special license plates; fee.—
- (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.

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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, or a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge 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, or proof of membership in the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., or other proof of being a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, 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," or "Combat Infantry Badge," 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 thereafter, the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from the sale of license plates issued under this section shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described

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in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law for that trust fund. Any additional general revenue generated from the sale of such plates shall be deposited into the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct, operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for veterans, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

- (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 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried surviving

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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.
- (4) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for 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

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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 39. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of section 320.275, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

320.275 Automobile Dealers Industry Advisory Board.

(2) MEMBERSHIP, TERMS, MEETINGS.-

(a) The board shall be composed of 12 members. The executive director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall appoint the members from names submitted by the entities for the designated categories the member will represent. The executive director shall appoint one representative of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, who must represent the Division of Motor Vehicles; two representatives of the independent motor vehicle industry as recommended by the Florida Independent Automobile Dealers Association; two representatives of the franchise motor vehicle industry as recommended by the Florida Automobile Dealers

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Association; one representative of the auction motor vehicle industry who is from an auction chain and is recommended by a group affiliated with the National Auto Auction Association; one representative of the auction motor vehicle industry who is from an independent auction and is recommended by a group affiliated with the National Auto Auction Association; one representative from the Department of Revenue; a Florida tax collector representative recommended by the Florida Tax Collectors Association; one representative from the Better Business Bureau; one representative from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, who must represent the Division of Consumer Services; and one representative of the insurance industry who writes motor vehicle dealer surety bonds.

- (b)1. The executive director shall appoint the following initial members to 1-year terms: one representative from the motor vehicle auction industry who represents an auction chain, one representative from the independent motor vehicle industry, one representative from the franchise motor vehicle industry, one representative from the Department of Revenue, one Florida tax collector, and one representative from the Better Business Bureau.
- 2. The executive director shall appoint the following initial members to 2-year terms: one representative from the motor vehicle auction industry who represents an independent auction, one representative from the independent motor vehicle industry, one representative from the franchise motor vehicle industry, one representative from the Division of Consumer Services, one representative from the insurance industry, and

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one representative from the <u>department</u> Division of Motor Vehicles.

- 3. As the initial terms expire, the executive director shall appoint successors from the same designated category for terms of 2 years. If renominated, a member may succeed himself or herself.
- 4. The board shall appoint a chair and vice chair at its initial meeting and every 2 years thereafter.
- Section 40. Section 320.95, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 320.95 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.
- $\underline{\ \ }$ The department $\underline{\ \ }$ is authorized to accept any application provided for under this chapter by electronic or telephonic means.
- (2) The department may collect and use electronic mail addresses for the purpose of providing renewal notices in lieu of the United States Postal Service.
- Section 41. Section 321.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 321.02 Powers and duties of department, highway patrol.—
 The director of the Division of Highway Patrol of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall be designated the

 Colonel also be the commander of the Florida Highway Patrol. The said department shall set up and promulgate rules and regulations by which the personnel of the Florida Highway Patrol officers shall be examined, employed, trained, located, suspended, reduced in rank, discharged, recruited, paid and pensioned, subject to civil service provisions hereafter set

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1709 out. The department may enter into contracts or agreements, with or without competitive bidding or procurement, to make 1710 1711 available, on a fair, reasonable, nonexclusive, and 1712 nondiscriminatory basis, property and other structures under 1713 division control for the placement of new facilities by any wireless provider of mobile service as defined in 47 U.S.C. s. 1714 1715 153(27) or s. 332(d), and any telecommunications company as 1716 defined in s. 364.02 when it is determined to be practical and 1717 feasible to make such property or other structures available. 1718 The department may, without adopting a rule, charge a just, 1719 reasonable, and nondiscriminatory fee for placement of the 1720 facilities, payable annually, based on the fair market value of space used by comparable communications facilities in the state. 1721 1722 The department and a wireless provider or telecommunications 1723 company may negotiate the reduction or elimination of a fee in consideration of services provided to the division by the 1724 1725 wireless provider or the telecommunications company. All such 1726 fees collected by the department shall be deposited directly 1727 into the State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System Trust Fund, and may be used to construct, maintain, or support the system. 1728 1729 The department is further specifically authorized to purchase, 1730 sell, trade, rent, lease and maintain all necessary equipment, 1731 uniforms, motor vehicles, communication systems, housing 1732 facilities, office space, and perform any other acts necessary 1733 for the proper administration and enforcement of this chapter. 1734 However, all supplies and equipment consisting of single items or in lots shall be purchased under the requirements of s. 1735 1736 287.057. Purchases shall be made by accepting the bid of the

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lowest responsive bidder, the right being reserved to reject all bids. The department shall prescribe a distinctive uniform and distinctive emblem to be worn by all officers of the Florida Highway Patrol. It shall be unlawful for any other person or persons to wear a similar uniform or emblem, or any part or parts thereof. The department shall also prescribe distinctive colors for use on motor vehicles and motorcycles operated by the Florida Highway Patrol. The prescribed colors shall be referred to as "Florida Highway Patrol black and tan."

Section 42. Subsection (3) of section 322.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.02 Legislative intent; administration.-

with the duty of serving as the executive officer of the Division of Motorist Services within Driver Licenses of the department insofar as the administration of this chapter is concerned. He or she shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the department, and his or her official actions and decisions as executive officer shall be conclusive unless the same are superseded or reversed by the department or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 43. Subsection (1) of section 322.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.04 Persons exempt from obtaining driver's license.-

- (1) The following persons are exempt from obtaining a driver's license:
- (a) Any employee of the United States Government, while operating a noncommercial motor vehicle owned by or leased to

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the United States Government and being operated on official business.

- (b) Any person while driving or operating any road machine, farm tractor, or implement of husbandry temporarily operated or moved on a highway.
- (c) A nonresident who is at least 16 years of age and who has in his or her immediate possession a valid noncommercial driver's license issued to the nonresident in his or her home state or country, may operate a motor vehicle of the type for which a Class E driver's license is required in this state if he or she has in their immediate possession:
- 1. A valid noncommercial driver's license issued in his or her name from another state or territory of the United States; or
- 2. An International Driving Permit issued in his or her name in his or her country of residence along with a valid license issued in that country.
- (d) A nonresident who is at least 18 years of age and who has in his or her immediate possession a valid noncommercial driver's license issued to the nonresident in his or her home state or country may operate a motor vehicle, other than a commercial motor vehicle, in this state.
- (d) (e) Any person operating a golf cart, as defined in s. 320.01, which is operated in accordance with the provisions of s. 316.212.
- Section 44. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 322.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 322.051 Identification cards.-

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(1) Any person who is 5 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.

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- (a) Each such application shall include the following information regarding the applicant:
- 1. Full name (first, middle or maiden, and last), gender, proof of social security card number satisfactory to the department, county of residence, mailing address, proof of residential address satisfactory to the department, 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., sub-subparagraph g., or sub-subparagraph h.;
 - b. A certified copy of a United States birth certificate;
 - c. A valid, unexpired United States passport;
- d. A naturalization certificate issued by the United

 States Department of Homeland Security;
- e. A valid, unexpired alien registration receipt card (green card);

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f. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the United States Department of State;

- g. An unexpired employment authorization card issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security; or
- h. 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 <u>must provide at least one of may produce but are not limited to</u> the following documents, and, in addition, the department may require other documents for the sole purpose of establishing the maintenance of or efforts to maintain continuous lawful presence:
- (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 or refugee 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

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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 the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(VIII) On or after January 1, 2010, an unexpired foreign passport with an unexpired United States Visa affixed, accompanied by an approved I-94, documenting the most recent admittance into the United States.

An identification card issued based on documents required

Presentation of any of the documents described in subsubparagraph g. or sub-subparagraph h. is valid entitles the
applicant to an identification card for a period not to exceed
the expiration date of the document presented or 1 year,
whichever first occurs.

Section 45. Subsection (4) of section 322.058, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.058 Suspension of driving privileges due to support delinquency; reinstatement.—

(4) This section applies only to the annual renewal in the owner's birth 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 chapter 320, except for the transfer of registrations which is inclusive of the annual

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renewals. This section does not affect the issuance of the title to a motor vehicle, notwithstanding s. $319.23(8)\frac{(7)}{(b)}$.

Section 46. Section 322.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.065 Driver's license expired for $\underline{6}$ 4 months or less; penalties.—Any person whose driver's license has been expired for $\underline{6}$ 4 months or less and who drives a motor vehicle upon the highways of this state $\underline{\text{commits}}$ $\underline{\text{is guilty of}}$ an infraction and $\underline{\text{is}}$ subject to the penalty provided in s. 318.18.

Section 47. Subsection (3) of section 322.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.07 Instruction permits and temporary licenses.-

- (3) Any person who, except for his or her lack of instruction in operating a commercial motor vehicle, would otherwise be qualified to obtain a commercial driver's license under this chapter, may apply for a temporary commercial instruction permit. The department shall issue such a permit entitling the applicant, while having the permit in his or her immediate possession, to drive a commercial motor vehicle on the highways, provided that:
- (a) The applicant possesses a valid $\underline{Florida}$ driver's license $\underline{issued\ in\ any\ state}$; and
- (b) The applicant, while operating a commercial motor vehicle, is accompanied by a licensed driver who is 21 years of age or older, who is licensed to operate the class of vehicle being operated, and who is actually occupying the closest seat to the right of the driver.

Section 48. Subsection (2) of section 322.08, Florida

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- 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license and identification card forms.—
- (2) Each such application shall include the following information regarding the applicant:
- (a) Full name (first, middle or maiden, and last), gender, proof of social security card number satisfactory to the department, county of residence, mailing address, proof of residential address satisfactory to the department, 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:
- 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., subparagraph 7., or subparagraph 8.;
 - 2. A certified copy of a United States birth certificate;
 - 3. A valid, unexpired United States passport;
- 1928 4. A naturalization certificate issued by the United 1929 States Department of Homeland Security;
- 1930 5. A valid, unexpired alien registration receipt card 1931 (green card);
 - 6. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the

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United States Department of State;

7. An unexpired employment authorization card issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security; or

- 8. 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 <u>must provide at least one of the following</u> documents, and, in addition, the department may require other documents for the sole purpose of establishing the maintenance of or efforts to maintain continuous lawful presence <u>may produce</u> 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 Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- d. Any official documentation confirming the filing of a petition for asylum or refugee status or any other relief issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- 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.
- 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.

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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.

- h. On or after January 1, 2010, an unexpired foreign passport with an unexpired United States Visa affixed, accompanied by an approved I-94, documenting the most recent admittance into the United States.
- A driver's license or temporary permit issued based on documents required Presentation of any of the documents in subparagraph 7. or subparagraph 8. is valid 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, 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.
- (e) Each such application may include fingerprints and other unique biometric means of identity.
- (8) The department may collect and use electronic mail addresses for the purpose of providing renewal notices in lieu of the United State Postal Service.

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Section 49. Subsection (9) is added to section 322.081, Florida Statutes, to read:

322.081 Requests to establish voluntary checkoff on driver's license application.—

proceeds derived from the voluntary contributions collected an amount sufficient to defray for each voluntary contribution the pro rata share of the department's costs directly related to the voluntary contributions program. Such costs include renewal notices, postage, distribution costs, direct costs to the department, and costs associated with reviewing each organization's compliance with the audit and attestation requirements of this section. The balance of the proceeds from the voluntary contributions collected shall be distributed as provided by law.

Section 50. Subsection (5) of section 322.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 322.12 Examination of applicants.-
- 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

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2017 a motorcycle. Any applicant who fails to pass the initial 2018 knowledge examination will incur a \$5 fee for each subsequent 2019 examination, to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating 2020 Trust Fund. Any applicant who fails to pass the initial skills 2021 examination will incur a \$10 fee for each subsequent 2022 examination, to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating 2023 In the formulation of the examination, the 2024 department shall consider the use of the Motorcycle Operator 2025 Skills Test and the Motorcycle in Traffic Test offered by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The department shall indicate on 2026 2027 the license of any person who successfully completes the 2028 examination that the licensee is authorized to operate a 2029 motorcycle. If the applicant wishes to be licensed to operate a 2030 motorcycle only, he or she need not take the skill or road test 2031 required under subsection (3) for the operation of a motor 2032 vehicle, and the department shall indicate such a limitation on 2033 his or her license as a restriction. Every first-time applicant 2034 for licensure to operate a motorcycle must provide proof of 2035 completion of a motorcycle safety course, as provided for in s. 2036 322.0255, which shall include a final examination before the 2037 applicant may be licensed to operate a motorcycle. The 2038 department shall indicate on the license of any person who 2039 successfully completes the course that the licensee is 2040 authorized to operate a motorcycle. If the applicant wishes to 2041 be licensed to operate a motorcycle only, he or she need not 2042 take the skills or road test required under subsection (3) for 2043 the operation of a motor vehicle, and the department shall 2044 indicate such a limitation on his or her license as a

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restriction.

(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 51. Subsection (5) of section 322.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.121 Periodic reexamination of all drivers.-

(5) Members of the Armed Forces, or their dependents residing with them, shall be granted an automatic extension for the expiration of their <u>Class E</u> licenses without reexamination while serving on active duty outside this state. This extension is valid for 90 days after the member of the Armed Forces is either discharged or returns to this state to live.

Section 52. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 322.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.14 Licenses issued to drivers.-

(1) (a) The department shall, upon successful completion of all required examinations and payment of the required fee, issue to every applicant qualifying therefor, a driver's license as applied for, which license shall bear thereon a color photograph or digital image of the licensee; the name of the state; a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee; and the licensee's full name, date of birth, and residence address; a brief description of the licensee, including, but not limited to, the licensee's gender and height; and the dates of issuance

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and expiration of the license. A space shall be provided upon which the licensee shall affix his or her usual signature. No license shall be valid until it has been so signed by the licensee except that the signature of said licensee shall not be required if it appears thereon in facsimile or if the licensee is not present within the state at the time of issuance.

Applicants qualifying to receive a Class A, Class B, or Class C driver's license must appear in person within the state for issuance of a color photographic or digital imaged driver's license pursuant to s. 322.142.

Section 53. Subsections (9), (10), (13), (14), and (16) of section 322.20, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

322.20 Records of the department; fees; destruction of records.—

(9) The department may, upon application, furnish to any person, from its the records of the Division of Driver Licenses, a list of the names, addresses, and birth dates of the licensed drivers of the entire state or any portion thereof by age group. In addition, the department may furnish to the courts, for the purpose of establishing jury selection lists, the names, addresses, and birth dates of the persons of the entire state or any portion thereof by age group having identification cards issued by the department. Each person who requests such information shall pay a fee, set by the department, of 1 cent per name listed, except that the department shall furnish such information without charge to the courts for the purpose of jury selection or to any state agency or to any state attorney, sheriff, or chief of police. Such court, state agency, state

attorney, or law enforcement agency may not sell, give away, or allow the copying of such information. Noncompliance with this prohibition shall authorize the department to charge the noncomplying court, state agency, state attorney, or law enforcement agency the appropriate fee for any subsequent lists requested. The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection.

- (10) The <u>department</u> Division of Driver Licenses is authorized, upon application of any person and payment of the proper fees, to search and to assist such person in the search of the records of the department and make reports thereof and to make photographic copies of the departmental records and attestations thereof.
- implement a system that allows either parent of a minor, or a guardian, or other responsible adult who signed a minor's application for a driver's license to have Internet access through a secure website to inspect the minor's driver history record. Internet access to driver history records granted to a minor's parents, guardian, or other responsible adult shall be furnished by the department at no fee and shall terminate when the minor attains 18 years of age.
- (14) The department is authorized in accordance with chapter 257 to destroy reports, records, documents, papers, and correspondence in the <u>department</u> Division of Driver Licenses which are considered obsolete.
- (16) The creation and maintenance of records by the Division of Motorist Services within the department and the

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Division of Driver Licenses pursuant to this chapter shall not be regarded as law enforcement functions of agency recordkeeping.

Section 54. Section 322.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.202 Admission of evidence obtained from the Division of Motorist Services Driver Licenses and the Division of Motor Vehicles.—

- Services Driver Licenses and the Division of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is are not a law enforcement agency agencies. The Legislature also finds that the division is divisions are not an adjunct adjuncts of any law enforcement agency in that employees have no stake in particular prosecutions. The Legislature further finds that errors in records maintained by the Division of Motorist Services divisions are not within the collective knowledge of any law enforcement agency. The Legislature also finds that the mission missions of the Division of Motorist Services Driver Licenses, the Division of Motor Vehicles, and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides provide a sufficient incentive to maintain records in a current and correct fashion.
- (2) The Legislature finds that the purpose of the exclusionary rule is to deter misconduct on the part of law enforcement officers and law enforcement agencies.
- (3) The Legislature finds that the application of the exclusionary rule to cases where a law enforcement officer effects an arrest based on objectively reasonable reliance on

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information obtained from the <u>division</u> divisions is repugnant to the purposes of the exclusionary rule and contrary to the decisions of the United States Supreme Court in *Arizona v*.

Evans, 514 U.S. 1 (1995) and United States v. Leon, 468 U.S. 897 (1984).

(4) In any case where a law enforcement officer effects an arrest based on objectively reasonable reliance on information obtained from the <u>division</u> <u>divisions</u>, evidence found pursuant to such an arrest shall not be suppressed by application of the exclusionary rule on the grounds that the arrest is subsequently determined to be unlawful due to erroneous information obtained from the divisions.

Section 55. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 322.21, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

- 322.21 License fees; procedure for handling and collecting fees.—
- Motorist Services to provide Driver Licenses to set up a division in the department with the necessary personnel to perform the necessary clerical and routine work for the department in issuing and recording applications, licenses, and certificates of eligibility, including the receiving and accounting of all license funds and their payment into the State Treasury, and other incidental clerical work connected with the administration of this chapter. The department may use such electronic, mechanical, or other devices as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.
 - (4) If the department determines from its records or is

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otherwise satisfied that the holder of a license about to expire is entitled to have it renewed, the department shall mail a renewal notice to the licensee at his or her last known address, at least within 30 days before the licensee's birthday. The licensee may shall be issued a renewal license, after reexamination, if required, during the 30 days immediately preceding his or her birthday upon presenting a renewal notice, his or her current license, and the fee for renewal to the department at any driver's license examining office. A driver may renew his or her driver's license up to 18 months prior to the license expiration date.

Section 56. Subsection (1) of section 322.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.22 Authority of department to cancel license.-

(1) The department is authorized to cancel any driver's license, upon determining that the licensee <u>is</u> was not entitled to the <u>license</u> issuance thereof, or that the licensee failed to give the required or correct information in his or her application or committed any fraud in making such application, or that the licensee has two or more licenses on file with the department, each in a different name but bearing the photograph of the licensee, unless the licensee has complied with the requirements of this chapter in obtaining the licenses. The department may cancel any driver's license, identification card, vehicle or vessel registration, or fuel-use decal if the licensee fails to pay the correct fee or pays for the driver's license, identification card, vehicle or vessel registration, or fuel-use decal; pays any tax liability, penalty, or interest

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specified in chapter 207; or pays any administrative, delinquency, or reinstatement fee by a dishonored check.

Section 57. Subsection (6) of section 322.2615, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 322.2615 Suspension of license; right to review.-
- (6)(a) If the person whose license was suspended requests a formal review, the department must schedule a hearing to be held within 30 days after such request is received by the department and must notify the person of the date, time, and place of the hearing.
- (b) Such formal review hearing shall be held before a hearing officer designated 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 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. If the 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:
 - 1. Filing a motion for enforcement of a subpoena in the

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related criminal case, if any; or

- 2. 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 is not 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 officer's decision as to whether sufficient cause exists to sustain, amend, or invalidate the suspension.
- Section 58. Subsection (2) of section 322.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 322.53 License required; exemptions.-
- (2) The following persons are exempt from the requirement to obtain a commercial driver's license:
 - (a) Drivers of authorized emergency vehicles.
- (b) Military personnel driving vehicles operated for military purposes.
- (c) Farmers transporting <u>agricultural products</u>, farm supplies, or farm machinery to or from their farms within 150 miles of their farm <u>if the vehicle operated under this exemption</u> is not used in the operations of a common or contract motor <u>carrier</u>, or transporting agricultural products to or from the <u>first place of storage or processing or directly to or from market</u>, within 150 miles of their farm.
- 2267 (d) Drivers of recreational vehicles, as defined in s. 2268 320.01.

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(e) Drivers who operate straight trucks, as defined in s. 316.003, which that are exclusively transporting their own tangible personal property that which is not for sale or hire, and the vehicles are not used in commerce.

- (f) An employee of a publicly owned transit system who is limited to moving vehicles for maintenance or parking purposes exclusively within the restricted-access confines of a transit system's property.
- Section 59. Subsection (5) is added to section 322.54, Florida Statutes, to read:
 - 322.54 Classification.-

- (5) The required driver's license classification of any person operating a commercial motor vehicle that has no gross vehicle weight rating plate or no vehicle identification number shall be determined by the actual weight of the vehicle.
- Section 60. <u>Section 322.58, Florida Statutes, is repealed.</u>
 Section 61. Section 322.59, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 322.59 Possession of medical examiner's certificate.
- (1) The department shall not issue a commercial driver's license to any person who is required by the laws of this state or by federal law to possess a medical examiner's certificate, unless such person provides presents a valid certificate, as described in 49 C.F.R. s. 383.71 prior to licensure.
- (2) The department shall disqualify a driver from operating a commercial motor vehicle if that driver holds a commercial driver's license and fails to comply with the medical certification requirements described in 49 C.F.R. s. 383.71.

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(2) This section does not expand the requirements as to who must possess a medical examiner's certificate.

Section 62. Subsection (5) of section 322.61, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 322.61 Disqualification from operating a commercial motor vehicle.—
- (5) Any person who is convicted of two violations specified in subsection (3) which were committed while operating a commercial motor vehicle, or any combination thereof, arising in separate incidents shall be permanently disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle. Any holder of a commercial driver's license who is convicted of two violations specified in subsection (3), which were committed while operating any a noncommercial motor vehicle, or any combination thereof, arising in separate incidents shall be permanently disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle. The penalty provided in this subsection is in addition to any other applicable penalty.
- Section 63. Subsections (1), (4), (7), (8), and (11) of section 322.64, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 322.64 Holder of commercial driver's license; persons operating a commercial motor vehicle; driving with unlawful blood-alcohol level; refusal to submit to breath, urine, or blood test.—
- (1) (a) A law enforcement officer or correctional officer shall, on behalf of the department, disqualify from operating any commercial motor vehicle a person who while operating or in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle is arrested for a violation of s. 316.193, relating to unlawful

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2325 blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level, or a person who has 2326 refused to submit to a breath, urine, or blood test authorized 2327 by s. 322.63 or s. 316.1932 arising out of the operation or 2328 actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle. A law 2329 enforcement officer or correctional officer shall, on behalf of the department, disqualify the holder of a commercial driver's license from operating any commercial motor vehicle if the 2332 licenseholder, while operating or in actual physical control of 2333 a motor vehicle, is arrested for a violation of s. 316.193, 2334 relating to unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol 2335 level, or refused to submit to a breath, urine, or blood test 2336 authorized by s. 322.63 or s. 316.1932. Upon disqualification of 2337 the person, the officer shall take the person's driver's license 2338 and issue the person a 10-day temporary permit for the operation 2339 of noncommercial vehicles only if the person is otherwise eligible for the driving privilege and shall issue the person a notice of disqualification. If the person has been given a 2342 blood, breath, or urine test, the results of which are not available to the officer at the time of the arrest, the agency 2343 2344 employing the officer shall transmit such results to the 2345 department within 5 days after receipt of the results. If the department then determines that the person had a blood-alcohol 2347 level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher, the department 2348 shall disqualify the person from operating a commercial motor 2349 vehicle pursuant to subsection (3). 2350

(b) For purposes of determining the period of disqualification described in 49 C.F.R. s. 383.51, disqualifications listed in paragraph (a) shall be treated as

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(c) (b) The disqualification under paragraph (a) shall be pursuant to, and the notice of disqualification shall inform the driver of, the following:

- 1.a. The driver refused to submit to a lawful breath, blood, or urine test and he or she is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for the time period specified in 49 C.F.R. s. 383.51 a period of 1 year, for a first refusal, or permanently, if he or she has previously been disqualified under this section; or
- b. The driver had an unlawful blood-alcohol or breathalcohol level of 0.08 or higher while driving or in actual
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 vehicle if the driver holds a commercial driver license, and is
 disqualified for the time period specified in 49 C.F.R. s.

 383.51. The driver was driving or in actual physical control of
 a commercial motor vehicle, or any motor vehicle if the driver
 holds a commercial driver's license, had an unlawful bloodalcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher, and his
 or her driving privilege shall be disqualified for a period of 1
 year for a first offense or permanently disqualified if his or
 her driving privilege has been previously disqualified under
 this section.
- 2. The disqualification period for operating commercial vehicles shall commence on the date of issuance of the notice of disqualification.
- 3. The driver may request a formal or informal review of the disqualification by the department within 10 days after the

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2381 date of issuance of the notice of disqualification.

- 4. The temporary permit issued at the time of disqualification expires at midnight of the 10th day following the date of disqualification.
- 5. The driver may submit to the department any materials relevant to the disqualification.
- (4) If the person disqualified requests an informal review pursuant to subparagraph (1) (c) (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 disqualified, and the presence of an officer or witness is not required.
- (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 disqualification. The scope of the review shall be limited to the following issues:
- (a) If the person was disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for driving with an unlawful bloodalcohol level:
- 1. Whether the arresting law enforcement officer had probable cause to believe that the person was driving or in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle, or any motor vehicle if the driver holds a commercial driver's license, in this state while he or she had any alcohol, chemical

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2409 substances, or controlled substances in his or her body.

- 2. Whether the person had an unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher.
- (b) If the person was disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for refusal to submit to a breath, blood, or urine test:
- 1. Whether the law enforcement officer had probable cause to believe that the person was driving or in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle, or any motor vehicle if the driver holds a commercial driver's license, in this state while he or she had any alcohol, chemical substances, or controlled substances in his or her body.
- 2. Whether the person refused to submit to the test after being requested to do so by a law enforcement officer or correctional officer.
- 3. Whether the person was told that if he or she refused to submit to such test he or she would be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of 1 year or, if previously disqualified under this section, permanently.
- (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 disqualification for the time period described in 49 C.F.R. s. 383.51 a period of 1 year for a first refusal, or permanently if such person has been previously disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle under this section. The disqualification period commences on the date

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of the issuance of the notice of disqualification.

(b) Sustain the disqualification:

- 1. For a period of 1 year if the person was driving or in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle, or any motor vehicle if the driver holds a commercial driver's license, and had an unlawful blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher; or
- 2. Permanently if the person has been previously disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle under this section or his or her driving privilege has been previously suspended for driving or being in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle, or any motor vehicle if the driver holds a commercial driver's license, and had an unlawful bloodalcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher.

The disqualification period commences on the date of the issuance of the notice of disqualification.

(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 administration of a breath test or blood test or the refusal to take a breath, blood, or urine either 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.

Section 64. Section 328.30, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 328.30 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—
- (1) The department may is authorized to accept any

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application provided for under this chapter by electronic or telephonic means.

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- (2) The department may issue an electronic certificate of title in lieu of printing a paper title.
- (3) The department may collect and use electronic mail addresses for the purpose of providing renewal notices in lieu of the United States Postal Service.
- Section 65. Subsection (2) of section 413.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 413.012 Confidential records disclosure prohibited; exemptions.—
- It is unlawful for any person to disclose, authorize the disclosure, solicit, receive, or make use of any list of names and addresses or any record containing any information set forth in subsection (1) and maintained in the division. The prohibition provided for in this subsection shall not apply to the use of such information for purposes directly connected with the administration of the vocational rehabilitation program or with the monthly dispatch to the Division of Driver Licenses of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles of the name in full, place and date of birth, sex, social security number, and resident address of individuals with central visual acuity 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses, or a disqualifying field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter or visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees. When requested in writing by an applicant or client, or her or his representative, the Division of Blind Services shall release

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confidential information to the applicant or client or her or his representative.

Section 66. Paragraph (f) of subsection (13) of section 713.78, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

713.78 Liens for recovering, towing, or storing vehicles and vessels.—

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- (f) This subsection applies only to the annual renewal in the registered owner's birth 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 chapter 320, except for the transfer of registrations which is inclusive of the annual renewals. This subsection does not apply to any vehicle registered in the name of the lessor. This subsection does not affect the issuance of the title to a motor vehicle, notwithstanding s. 319.23(8)(7)(b).
- Section 67. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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