

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Budget (Sobel) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (562340) (with title amendment)

Between lines 570 and 571 insert:

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Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 318.1451, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318.1451 Driver improvement schools.-

(2) (a) In determining whether to approve the courses referenced in this section, the department shall consider course content designed to promote safety, driver awareness, crash avoidance techniques, awareness of the risks associated with using a handheld electronic communication device while operating



a motor vehicle, and other factors or criteria to improve driver performance from a safety viewpoint.

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Between lines 1430 and 1431 insert:

Section 45. Subsection (5) of section 322.0261, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.0261 Driver improvement course; requirement to maintain driving privileges; failure to complete; department approval of course.-

(5) In determining whether to approve a driver improvement course for the purposes of this section, the department shall consider course content designed to promote safety, driver awareness, crash avoidance techniques, awareness of the risks associated with using a handheld electronic communication device while operating a motor vehicle, and other factors or criteria to improve driver performance from a safety viewpoint.

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Between lines 1735 and 1736 insert:

Section 51. Subsection (1) of section 322.095, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.095 Traffic law and substance abuse education program for driver's license applicants.-

(1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must approve traffic law and substance abuse education courses that must be completed by applicants for a Florida driver's license. The curricula for the courses must provide instruction on the physiological and psychological consequences of the abuse



of alcohol and other drugs, the societal and economic costs of alcohol and drug abuse, the effects of alcohol and drug abuse on the driver of a motor vehicle, the risks associated with using a handheld electronic communication device while operating a motor vehicle, and the laws of this state relating to the operation of a motor vehicle. All instructors teaching the courses shall be certified by the department.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Between lines 2558 and 2559

insert:

amending s. 318.1451, F.S.; revising provisions relating to driver improvement schools and education programs for driver license applicants; requiring the curricula of such programs to include instruction on the risks associated with using a handheld electronic communication device while operating a motor vehicle;

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and insert: 63

> the United States Postal Service; amending s. 322.0261, F.S.; revising provisions relating to driver improvement schools and education programs for driver license applicants to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 322.04,

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Delete line 2744

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the United States Postal Service; amending s. 322.095, F.S.; revising provisions relating to driver improvement schools and education programs for driver license applicants to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 322.121,