1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to motor vehicle liability insurance; 3 amending s. 324.011, F.S.; revising legislative intent 4 with respect to financial responsibility for the 5 damages caused by the operation of a motor vehicle; 6 amending ss. 324.021 and 324.022, F.S.; increasing 7 financial responsibility limits with respect to bodily injury or death; conforming provisions to changes made 8 9 by the act; amending s. 324.0221, F.S.; requiring 10 insurers to submit information to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and to notify 11 12 insureds about bodily injury insurance rather than personal injury protection coverage; amending s. 13 14 324.031, F.S.; increasing the financial responsibility 15 limits for motor vehicle liability; amending s. 324.071, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made 16 by the act; amending s. 324.161, F.S.; increasing the 17 amount required for a surety bond or deposit; amending 18 19 s. 324.171, F.S.; revising the required threshold 20 limit for self-insurers; repealing s. 627.730, F.S., 21 providing a citation to the Florida Motor Vehicle No-2.2 Fault Law; repealing s. 627.731, F.S., relating to the purpose of the No-Fault Law; repealing s. 627.7311, 23 F.S., relating to the effect of law on personal injury 24 25 protection policies; amending s. 627.732, F.S.; 26 deleting definitions relating to the no-fault law;

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02	322.201, 100.3300, 100.331, 100.3300, 103.301,
52	322.251, 400.9905, 400.991, 400.9935, 409.901,
51	ss. 318.18, 320.02, 320.0609, 320.27, 320.771,
50	to changes made to the No-Fault Law in 2012; amending
49	contract for a study and perform a data call relating
48	requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation to
47	15 and 16 of chapter 2012-197, Laws of Florida,
46	to the application of the No-Fault Law; repealing ss.
45	reimbursement; repealing s. 627.7407, F.S., relating
44	s. 627.7405, F.S., relating to the insurers' right of
43	the mandatory joinder of derivative claims; repealing
42	deductibles; repealing s. 627.7403, F.S., relating to
41	627.739, F.S., relating to personal injury protection
40	personal injury protection coverage; repealing s.
39	exemption from tort liability for persons maintaining
38	benefits; repealing s. 627.737, F.S., relating to
37	627.736, F.S., relating to personal injury protection
36	to be brought in a single action; repealing s.
35	F.S.; requiring all claims relating to personal injury
34	personal injury protection; creating s. 627.7355,
33	and property damage liability security instead of
32	F.S.; applying notice requirements to bodily injury
31	references; renumbering and amending s. 627.7401,
30	amending s. 627.734, F.S.; conforming cross-
29	substitute security requirements under ch. 324, F.S.;
28	requirements with respect to no-fault coverage to
27	amending s. 627.733, F.S.; deleting security

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53	409.910, 456.057, 456.072, 626.9541, 626.989,
54	626.9895, 627.06501, 627.0652, 627.0653, 627.4132,
55	627.6482, 627.7263, 627.727, 627.7275, 627.728,
56	627.7295, 627.8405, 627.915, 628.909, 705.184, 713.78,
57	and 817.234 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes
58	made by the act by removing references to personal
59	injury protection and the Florida Motor Vehicle No-
60	Fault Law; making technical changes; conforming cross-
61	references; providing for the termination of personal
62	injury protection policies and the requirement for
63	maintaining minimum security requirements that allow a
64	person to respond to property damage and bodily injury
65	by a certain date; requiring the insurer to notify the
66	insured about such changes by a certain date;
67	providing for applicability of suspensions for failure
68	to maintain security; providing effective dates.
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70	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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72	Section 1. Section 324.011, Florida Statutes, is amended
73	to read:
74	324.011 Legislative intent and purpose of chapter It is
75	the intent of this chapter that the privilege of owning and
76	<u>operating a motor vehicle be exercised</u> to recognize the existing
77	privilege to own or operate a motor vehicle on the public
78	streets and highways of this state when such vehicles are used
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79 with due consideration for others and their property in order $_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}$ and to promote safety and provide financial security 80 81 requirements for such owners or operators whose responsibility 82 it is to recompense others for injury to person or property 83 caused by the operation of a motor vehicle. Therefore, this 84 chapter requires it is required herein that the owner or 85 operator of a motor vehicle establish, maintain, involved in a 86 crash or convicted of certain traffic offenses meeting the 87 operative provisions of s. 324.051(2) shall respond for such 88 damages and show proof of financial ability to respond for damages arising out of the use of a motor vehicle in future 89 90 accidents as a requisite to his or her future exercise of such 91 privileges.

92 Section 2. Subsections (1) and (7) of section 324.021,
93 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

94 324.021 Definitions; minimum insurance required.—The 95 following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall, for 96 the purpose of this chapter, have the meanings respectively 97 ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances 98 where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

99 (1) MOTOR VEHICLE. <u>A Every</u> self-propelled vehicle <u>that</u>
100 which is designed and required to be licensed for use upon a
101 highway, including trailers and semitrailers designed for use
102 with such vehicles, except <u>for</u> traction engines, road rollers,
103 farm tractors, power shovels, and well drillers, and <u>a every</u>
104 vehicle that which is propelled by electric power obtained from

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105	overhead wires but not operated upon rails, but not including a
106	any bicycle or moped. However, the term "motor vehicle" shall
107	not include any motor vehicle as defined in s. 627.732(3) when
108	the owner of such vehicle has complied with the requirements of
109	ss. 627.730-627.7405, inclusive, unless the provisions of s.
110	324.051 apply; and, in such case, the applicable proof of
111	insurance provisions of s. 320.02 apply.
112	(7) PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY That Proof of
113	ability to respond in damages for liability on account of
114	crashes arising out of the use of a motor vehicle:
115	(a) In the amount of <u>\$25,000 for</u> \$10,000 because of bodily
116	injury to, or <u>the</u> death of, one person in any one crash <u>.</u> ;
117	(b) Subject to <u>the</u> such limits for one person <u>under</u>
118	paragraph (a), in the amount of \$50,000 for \$20,000 because of
119	bodily injury to, or <u>the</u> death of, two or more persons in any
120	one crash <u>.</u> +
121	(c) In the amount of \$10,000 <u>for damage</u> because of injury
122	to, or destruction of, <u>the</u> property of others in any one crash <u>.</u> +
123	and
124	(d) With respect to commercial motor vehicles and
125	nonpublic sector buses, in the amounts specified in ss. 627.7415
126	and 627.742, respectively.
127	Section 3. Section 324.022, Florida Statutes, is amended
128	to read:
129	324.022 Financial responsibility requirements for property
130	damage
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(1) (a) The Every owner or operator of a motor vehicle required to be registered in this state shall establish and maintain the ability to respond in damages for liability on account of accidents arising out of the use of the motor vehicle in the amount of:

136 <u>1. Ten thousand dollars for \$10,000 because of</u> damage to,
 137 or destruction of, property of others in any one crash.

138 <u>2. Twenty-five thousand dollars for bodily injury to, or</u> 139 <u>the death of, one person in any one crash and, subject to such</u> 140 <u>limits for one person, in the amount of \$50,000 for bodily</u> 141 <u>injury to, or the death of, two or more persons in any one</u> 142 <u>crash.</u>

143 The requirements of this section may be met by one of (b) 144 the methods established in s. 324.031; by self-insuring as 145 authorized by s. 768.28(16); or by maintaining an insurance 146 policy providing coverage in at least the amounts for bodily 147 injury liability coverage and property damage coverage specified in paragraph (a) for property damage liability in the amount of 148 149 at least \$10,000 because of damage to, or destruction of, 150 property of others in any one accident arising out of the use of 151 the motor vehicle. The requirements of this section may also be 152 met by having a policy that which provides coverage in the 153 amount of at least \$60,000 \$30,000 for combined property damage 154 liability and bodily injury liability for any one crash arising 155 out of the use of the motor vehicle.

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(c) The policy, with respect to coverage for property

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157 damage liability <u>and bodily injury liability</u>, must meet the 158 applicable requirements of s. 324.151, subject to the usual 159 policy exclusions that have been approved in policy forms by the 160 Office of Insurance Regulation.

(d) An No insurer does not shall have a any duty to defend
 uncovered claims regardless irrespective of the insurer's their
 joinder with covered claims.

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(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Motor vehicle" means <u>a</u> any self-propelled vehicle
that has four or more wheels and that is of a type designed and
required to be licensed for use on the highways of this state,
and any trailer or semitrailer designed for use with such
vehicle. The term does not include:

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1. A mobile home.

171 2. A motor vehicle that is used in mass transit and 172 designed to transport more than five passengers, exclusive of 173 the operator of the motor vehicle, and that is owned by a 174 municipality, transit authority, or political subdivision of the 175 state.

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3. A school bus as defined in s. 1006.25.

4. A vehicle providing for-hire transportation that is
subject to the provisions of s. 324.031. The owner of a taxicab
shall maintain security as required under s. 324.032(1).

(b) "Owner" means the person who holds legal title to a
motor vehicle or the debtor or lessee who has the right to
possession of a motor vehicle that is the subject of a security

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183 agreement or lease with an option to purchase.

(3) Each nonresident owner or registrant of a motor
vehicle that, whether operated or not, has been physically
present within this state for more than 90 days during the
preceding 365 days shall maintain security as required by
subsection (1), which that is in effect continuously throughout
the period the motor vehicle remains within this state.

190 An The owner or registrant of a motor vehicle who is (4) 191 exempt from the requirements of this section if she or he is a 192 member of the United States Armed Forces and is called to or on 193 active duty outside the United States in an emergency situation 194 is exempt from this section. The exemption provided by this 195 subsection applies only as long as the member of the armed forces is on such active duty outside the United States and 196 applies only while the vehicle covered by the security is not 197 198 operated by any person. Upon receipt of a written request by the 199 insured to whom the exemption provided in this subsection 200 applies, the insurer shall cancel the coverages and return any 201 unearned premium or suspend the security required by this 202 section. Notwithstanding s. 324.0221(2) 324.0221(3), the 203 department may not suspend the registration or operator's 204 license of an any owner or registrant of a motor vehicle during 205 the time she or he qualifies for the an exemption under this 206 subsection. An Any owner or registrant of a motor vehicle who 207 qualifies for the an exemption under this subsection shall 208 immediately notify the department before prior to and at the end

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209 of the expiration of the exemption.

210 Section 4. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 324.0221, 211 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

212 324.0221 Reports by insurers to the department; suspension 213 of driver license and vehicle registrations; reinstatement.-

214 (1) (a) Each insurer that has issued a policy providing bodily injury liability personal injury protection coverage or 215 216 property damage liability coverage shall report the cancellation 217 or nonrenewal thereof to the department within 10 days after the 218 processing date or effective date of each cancellation or 219 nonrenewal. Upon the issuance of a policy providing bodily 220 injury liability personal injury protection coverage or property 221 damage liability coverage to a named insured not previously 222 insured by the insurer during that calendar year, the insurer 223 shall report the issuance of the new policy to the department 224 within 10 days. The report must shall be in the form and format 225 and contain any information required by the department and must 226 be provided in a format that is compatible with the data 227 processing capabilities of the department. Failure by an insurer 228 to file proper reports with the department as required by this 229 subsection constitutes a violation of the Florida Insurance 230 Code. These records shall be used by the department only for 231 enforcement and regulatory purposes, including the generation by 232 the department of data regarding compliance by owners of motor 233 vehicles with the requirements for financial responsibility 234 coverage.

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235 With respect to an insurance policy providing bodily (b) 236 injury liability personal injury protection coverage or property 237 damage liability coverage, each insurer shall notify the named insured, or the first-named insured in the case of a commercial 238 239 fleet policy, in writing that any cancellation or nonrenewal of 240 the policy will be reported by the insurer to the department. 241 The notice must also inform the named insured that failure to 242 maintain bodily injury liability personal injury protection 243 coverage and property damage liability coverage on a motor 244 vehicle when required by law may result in the loss of 245 registration and driving privileges in this state and inform the 246 named insured of the amount of the reinstatement fees required 247 by this section. This notice is for informational purposes only, 248 and an insurer is not civilly liable for failing to provide this 249 notice.

(2) The department shall suspend, after due notice and an
opportunity to be heard, the registration and driver license of
any owner or registrant of a motor vehicle with respect to which
security is required under ss. 324.022 and 627.733 upon:

(a) The department's records showing that the owner or
registrant of such motor vehicle did not have <u>the</u> in full force
and effect when required security <u>in full force and effect</u> that
complies with the requirements of ss. 324.022 and 627.733; or

(b) Notification by the insurer to the department, in a
form approved by the department, of cancellation or termination
of the required security.

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261 Section 5. Section 324.031, Florida Statutes, is amended 262 to read: 263 324.031 Manner of proving financial responsibility.-The owner or operator of a taxicab, limousine, jitney, or any other 264 265 for-hire passenger transportation vehicle may prove financial 266 responsibility by providing satisfactory evidence of holding a 267 motor vehicle liability policy as defined in s. 324.021(8) or s. 268 324.151, which policy is issued by an insurance carrier that 269 which is a member of the Florida Insurance Guaranty Association. 270 The operator or owner of any other vehicle may prove his or her 271 financial responsibility by: Furnishing satisfactory evidence of holding such a 272 (1)273 motor vehicle liability policy as defined in ss. 324.021(8) and 324.151; 274 Furnishing a certificate of self-insurance showing a 275 (2) 276 deposit of cash in accordance with s. 324.161; or 277 Furnishing a certificate of self-insurance issued by (3) 278 the department in accordance with s. 324.171. 279 280 Any person, including a any firm, partnership, association, 281 corporation, or other person, other than a natural person, 282 electing to use the method of proof specified in subsection (2) 283 shall furnish a certificate of deposit equal to the number of 284 vehicles owned times \$60,000 \$30,000, to a maximum of \$240,000 285 \$120,000; in addition, any such person, other than a natural 286 person, shall maintain insurance providing coverage in excess of Page 11 of 86

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1 limits of \$25,000/50,000/10,000 \$10,000/20,000/10,000 or \$60,000
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\$30,000 combined single limits, and such excess insurance shall
provide minimum limits of \$125,000/250,000/50,000 or \$300,000
combined single limits. These increased limits do shall not
affect the requirements for proving financial responsibility
under s. 324.032(1).

293 Section 6. Section 324.071, Florida Statutes, is amended 294 to read:

295 324.071 Reinstatement; renewal of license; reinstatement 296 fee.-An Any operator or owner whose license or registration has 297 been suspended pursuant to s. 324.051(2), s. 324.072, s. 298 324.081, or s. 324.121 may effect its reinstatement upon 299 compliance with the provisions of s. 324.051(2)(a)3. or 4., or s. 324.081(2) and (3), as the case may be, and with one of the 300 301 provisions of s. 324.031 and upon payment to the department of a 302 nonrefundable reinstatement fee as specified in s. 324.0221 of 303 \$15. Only one such fee shall be paid by any one person 304 regardless irrespective of the number of licenses and registrations to be then reinstated or issued to such person. 305 306 All Such fees shall be deposited to a department trust fund. If 307 When the reinstatement of any license or registration is 308 effected by compliance with s. 324.051(2)(a)3. or 4., the 309 department may shall not renew the license or registration 310 within a period of 3 years after from such reinstatement, nor 311 may shall any other license or registration be issued in the 312 name of such person, unless the operator continues is continuing

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313 to comply with one of the provisions of s. 324.031.

314 Section 7. Section 324.161, Florida Statutes, is amended 315 to read:

316 324.161 Proof of financial responsibility; deposit.-Proof 317 of a certificate of deposit of \$60,000 issued and held by a 318 financial institution shall be submitted annually to the 319 department Annually, before a any certificate of insurance may 320 be issued to a person, including a any firm, partnership, 321 association, corporation, or other person, other than a natural 322 person, proof of a certificate of deposit of \$30,000 issued and 323 held by a financial institution must be submitted to the 324 department. A power of attorney will be issued to and held by 325 the department and may be executed upon a judgment issued 326 against such person making the deposit, for damages for because 327 of bodily injury to or death of any person or for damages or 328 because of injury to or destruction of property resulting from 329 the use or operation of a any motor vehicle occurring after such deposit was made. Money so deposited is shall not be subject to 330 331 attachment or execution unless such attachment or execution 332 shall arise out of a suit for such damages as aforesaid. 333

333 Section 8. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 324.171,
334 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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324.171 Self-insurer.-

(1) <u>A Any</u> person may qualify as a self-insurer by
obtaining a certificate of self-insurance from the department.
which may, in its discretion and Upon application of such a

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339 person, <u>the department may</u> issue <u>a</u> said certificate <u>if the</u> 340 <u>applicant</u> of self-insurance when such person has satisfied the 341 requirements of this section to qualify as a self-insurer under 342 this section:

(a) A private individual with private passenger vehicles
 <u>must shall</u> possess a net unencumbered worth of at least \$60,000
 \$40,000.

346 (b) A person, including any firm, partnership,
347 association, corporation, or other person, other than a natural
348 person, <u>must shall</u>:

349 1. Possess a net unencumbered worth of at least <u>\$60,000</u> 350 \$40,000 for the first motor vehicle and <u>\$30,000</u> \$20,000 for each 351 additional motor vehicle; or

352 Maintain sufficient net worth, as determined annually 2. 353 by the department, pursuant to rules adopted promulgated by the 354 department, with the assistance of the Office of Insurance 355 Regulation of the Financial Services Commission, to be 356 financially responsible for potential losses. The rules must 357 consider any shall take into consideration excess insurance 358 carried by the applicant. The department's determination shall 359 be based upon reasonable actuarial principles considering the 360 frequency, severity, and loss development of claims incurred by 361 casualty insurers writing coverage on the type of motor vehicles 362 for which a certificate of self-insurance is desired.

363 (c) The owner of a commercial motor vehicle, as defined in
364 s. 207.002 or s. 320.01, may qualify as a self-insurer subject

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365 to the standards provided for in subparagraph (b)2. The self-insurance certificate must shall provide 366 (2)367 limits of liability insurance in the amounts specified under s. 368 324.021(7) or s. 627.7415 and shall provide personal injury 369 protection coverage under s. 627.733(3)(b). Section 627.730, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 370 Section 9. 371 Section 10. Section 627.731, Florida Statutes, is 372 repealed. 373 Section 11. Section 627.7311, Florida Statutes, is 374 repealed. Section 12. Section 627.732, Florida Statutes, is amended 375 376 to read: 377 627.732 Definitions.-As used in ss. 627.733-627.7355 378 627.730-627.7405, the term: 379 (1) (1) (10) "Knowingly" means that a person, with respect to 380 information, has actual knowledge of the information; acts in 381 deliberate ignorance of the truth or falsity of the information; 382 or acts in reckless disregard of the information, and proof of specific intent to defraud is not required. 383 384 (1) "Broker" means any person not possessing a license 385 under chapter 395, chapter 400, chapter 429, chapter 458, 386 chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, or chapter 641 who 387 charges or receives compensation for any use of medical 388 equipment and is not the 100-percent owner or the 100-percent 389 lessee of such equipment. For purposes of this section, such 390 owner or lessee may be an individual, a corporation, a Page 15 of 86

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391 partnership, or any other entity and any of its 100-percent-392 owned affiliates and subsidiaries. For purposes of this subsection, the term "lessee" means a long-term lessee under a 393 394 capital or operating lease, but does not include a part-time 395 lessee. The term "broker" does not include a hospital or 396 physician management company whose medical equipment is ancillary to the practices managed, a debt collection agency, or 397 398 an entity that has contracted with the insurer to obtain a discounted rate for such services; nor does the term include a 399 400 management company that has contracted to provide general 401 management services for a licensed physician or health care 402 facility and whose compensation is not materially affected by 403 the usage or frequency of usage of medical equipment or an entity that is 100-percent owned by one or more hospitals or 404 physicians. The term "broker" does not include a person or 405 406 entity that certifies, upon request of an insurer, that: 407 It is a clinic licensed under ss. 400.990-400.995; 408 It is a 100-percent owner of medical equipment; and 409 (c) The owner's only part-time lease of medical equipment 410 for personal injury protection patients is on a temporary basis 411 not to exceed 30 days in a 12-month period, and such lease is 412 solely for the purposes of necessary repair or maintenance of 413 the 100-percent-owned medical equipment or pending the arrival 414 and installation of the newly purchased or a replacement for the 415 100-percent-owned medical equipment, or for patients for whom, 416 because of physical size or claustrophobia, it is determined by Page 16 of 86

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417 the medical director or clinical director to be medically necessary that the test be performed in medical equipment that 418 419 is open-style. The leased medical equipment cannot be used by 420 patients who are not patients of the registered clinic for 421 medical treatment of services. Any person or entity making a 422 false certification under this subsection commits insurance 423 fraud as defined in s. 817.234. However, the 30-day period 424 provided in this paragraph may be extended for an additional 60 425 days as applicable to magnetic resonance imaging equipment if 426 the owner certifies that the extension otherwise complies with 427 this paragraph. (2) "Medically necessary" refers to a medical service or 428 429 supply that a prudent physician would provide for the purpose of 430 preventing, diagnosing, or treating an illness, injury, disease, 431 or symptom in a manner that is: 432 (a) In accordance with generally accepted standards of 433 medical practice; 434 (b) Clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, 435 extent, site, and duration; and 436 (c) Not primarily for the convenience of the patient, 437 physician, or other health care provider. 438 (2) (3) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle 439 that with four or more wheels which is of a type both designed 440 and required to be licensed for use on the highways of this 441 state and any trailer or semitrailer designed for use with such 442 vehicle and includes:

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443 A "private passenger motor vehicle," which is any (a) motor vehicle which is a sedan, station wagon, or jeep-type 444 445 vehicle and, if not used primarily for occupational, 446 professional, or business purposes, a motor vehicle of the 447 pickup, panel, van, camper, or motor home type. 448 A "commercial motor vehicle," which is any motor (b) 449 vehicle which is not a private passenger motor vehicle. 450 451 The term "motor vehicle" does not include a mobile home or any 452 motor vehicle which is used in mass transit, other than public 453 school transportation, and designed to transport more than five 454 passengers exclusive of the operator of the motor vehicle and 455 which is owned by a municipality, a transit authority, or a 456 political subdivision of the state. 457 (4) "Named insured" means a person, usually the owner of a 458 vehicle, identified in a policy by name as the insured under the 459 policy. 460 (3) (3) (5) "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title to 461 a motor vehicle; or, in the event a motor vehicle is the subject 462 of a security agreement or lease with an option to purchase with 463 the debtor or lessee having the right to possession, then the 464 debtor or lessee shall be deemed the owner for the purposes of 465 ss. 627.730-627.7405. 466 (6) "Relative residing in the same household" means a relative of any degree by blood or by marriage who usually makes 467 468 her or his home in the same family unit, whether or not Page 18 of 86

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469 temporarily living elsewhere. 470 (7) "Certify" means to swear or attest to being true or 471 represented in writing. 472 (8) "Immediate personal supervision," as it relates to the 473 performance of medical services by nonphysicians not in a 474 hospital, means that an individual licensed to perform the 475 medical service or provide the medical supplies must be present 476 within the confines of the physical structure where the medical 477 services are performed or where the medical supplies are 478 provided such that the licensed individual can respond 479 immediately to any emergencies if needed. (9) "Incident," with respect to services considered as 480 481 incident to a physician's professional service, for a physician licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, or chapter 482 461, if not furnished in a hospital, means such services must be 483 an integral, even if incidental, part of a covered physician's 484 485 service. 486 (11) "Lawful" or "lawfully" means in substantial 487 compliance with all relevant applicable criminal, civil, and 488 administrative requirements of state and federal law related to 489 the provision of medical services or treatment. (12) "Hospital" means a facility that, at the time 490 491 services or treatment were rendered, was licensed under chapter 492 395. (13) "Properly completed" means providing truthful, 493 494 substantially complete, and substantially accurate responses as Page 19 of 86

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495 to all material elements to each applicable request for 496 information or statement by a means that may lawfully be 497 provided and that complies with this section, or as agreed by 498 the parties.

499 (14) "Upcoding" means an action that submits a billing 500 code that would result in payment greater in amount than would 501 be paid using a billing code that accurately describes the 502 services performed. The term does not include an otherwise 503 lawful bill by a magnetic resonance imaging facility, which 504 globally combines both technical and professional components, if the amount of the global bill is not more than the components if 505 506 billed separately; however, payment of such a bill constitutes 507 payment in full for all components of such service.

508 (15) "Unbundling" means an action that submits a billing 509 code that is properly billed under one billing code, but that 510 has been separated into two or more billing codes, and would 511 result in payment greater in amount than would be paid using one 512 billing code.

513 (16) "Emergency medical condition" means a medical 514 condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient 515 severity, which may include severe pain, such that the absence 516 of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to 517 result in any of the following:

518 (a) Serious jeopardy to patient health.

- 519 (b) Serious impairment to bodily functions.
- 520 (c) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

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521	(17) "Entity wholly owned" means a proprietorship, group
522	practice, partnership, or corporation that provides health care
523	services rendered by licensed health care practitioners and in
524	which licensed health care practitioners are the business owners
525	of all aspects of the business entity, including, but not
526	limited to, being reflected as the business owners on the title
527	or lease of the physical facility, filing taxes as the business
528	owners, being account holders on the entity's bank account,
529	being listed as the principals on all incorporation documents
530	required by this state, and having ultimate authority over all
531	personnel and compensation decisions relating to the entity.
532	However, this definition does not apply to an entity that is
533	wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by a hospital licensed
534	under chapter 395.
535	Section 13. Section 627.733, Florida Statutes, is amended
536	to read:
537	627.733 Required security
538	(1)(a) <u>The</u> Every owner or registrant of a motor vehicle,
539	other than a motor vehicle used as a school bus as defined in s.
540	1006.25 or limousine, required to be registered and licensed in
541	this state shall maintain security as required by this section
542	subsection (3) in effect continuously throughout the
543	registration or licensing period.
544	(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an Every owner or
545	registrant of a motor vehicle used as a taxicab shall not be
546	governed by paragraph (1)(a) but shall maintain security as
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547 required under s. 324.032(1), and s. 627.737 shall not apply to 548 any motor vehicle used as a taxicab.

(2) <u>A</u> Every nonresident owner or registrant of a motor vehicle <u>that</u> which, whether operated or not, has been physically present within this state for more than 90 days during the preceding 365 days shall thereafter maintain security as <u>required by this section</u> defined by subsection (3) in effect continuously throughout the period <u>the</u> such motor vehicle remains within this state.

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(3) Such security must shall be provided:

557 By an insurance policy delivered or issued for (a) 558 delivery in this state by an authorized or eligible motor 559 vehicle liability insurer that which provides the security 560 required under s. 324.022 the benefits and exemptions contained 561 in ss. 627.730-627.7405. A Any policy of insurance that 562 provides, or is represented or sold as providing, the security 563 required in this section is hereunder shall be deemed to provide 564 insurance for the payment of the required benefits; or

(b) By any other method authorized by s. 324.031(2) or (3) and approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles as <u>providing</u> affording security equivalent to that afforded by a policy of insurance or by self-insuring as authorized by s. 768.28(16). The person filing such security shall have all of the obligations and rights of an insurer under ss. 627.730-627.7405.

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(4) An owner of a motor vehicle with respect to which

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573 security is required by this section who fails to have such 574 security in effect at the time of an accident shall have no 575 immunity from tort liability, but shall be personally liable for 576 the payment of benefits under s. 627.736. With respect to such 577 benefits, such an owner shall have all of the rights and 578 obligations of an insurer under ss. 627.730-627.7405.

579 (4) (5) In addition to other persons who are not required 580 to provide required security as required under this section and 581 s. 324.022, The owner or registrant of a motor vehicle who is 582 exempt from such requirements if she or he is a member of the 583 United States Armed Forces and is called to or on active duty 584 outside the United States in an emergency situation is exempt 585 from this section. The exemption provided by this subsection applies only as long as the member of the armed forces is on 586 587 such active duty outside the United States and applies only 588 while the vehicle covered by the security required by this 589 section and s. 324.022 is not operated by any person. Upon 590 receipt of a written request by the insured to whom the exemption provided in this subsection applies, the insurer shall 591 592 cancel the coverages and return any unearned premium or suspend 593 the security required by this section and s. 324.022. 594 Notwithstanding s. 324.0221(2), the Department of Highway Safety 595 and Motor Vehicles may not suspend the registration or 596 operator's license of an any owner or registrant of a motor 597 vehicle during the time she or he qualifies for the an exemption 598 under this subsection. An Any owner or registrant of a motor

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599 vehicle who qualifies for the an exemption under this subsection shall immediately notify the department before prior to and at 600 601 the end of the expiration of the exemption. 602 Section 14. Section 627.734, Florida Statutes, is amended 603 to read: 604 627.734 Proof of security; security requirements; 605 penalties.-606 The provisions of chapter 324 that which pertain to (1)607 the method of giving and maintaining proof of financial 608 responsibility and which govern and define a motor vehicle 609 liability policy shall apply to filing and maintaining proof of security required under s. 627.733 by ss. 627.730-627.7405. 610 611 (2) A Any person who: Gives information required in a report or otherwise as 612 (a) 613 provided for in ss. 627.730-627.7405, knowing or having reason 614 to believe that such information is false; 615 Forges or, without authority, signs any evidence of (b) 616 proof of security; or Files, or offers for filing, any such evidence of 617 (C) 618 proof, knowing or having reason to believe that it is forged or 619 signed without authority, 620 621 commits is quilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, 622 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Section 15. Section 627.7401, Florida Statutes, is 623 624 renumbered as section 627.7341, Florida Statutes, and amended to Page 24 of 86

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625 read:

626 <u>627.7341</u> 627.7401 Notification of security requirements 627 insured's rights.-

(1) The commission, by rule, shall adopt a form for
notifying the notification of insureds of the security required
under s. 627.733 and the proof of security requirement under s.
<u>627.734</u> their right to receive personal injury protection
benefits under the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law. The Such
notice must shall include:

634 A description of the benefits provided by bodily (a) 635 injury liability coverage and property damage liability coverage personal injury protection, including, but not limited to, the 636 637 specific types of services for which medical benefits are paid, 638 disability benefits, death benefits, significant exclusions from 639 and limitations on personal injury protection benefits, when 640 payments are due, how benefits are coordinated with other 641 insurance benefits that the insured may have, penalties and 642 interest that may be imposed on insurers for failure to make 643 timely payments of benefits, and rights of parties regarding 644 disputes as to benefits.

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(b) An advisory informing insureds that <u>,</u> +

646 1. pursuant to s. 626.9892, the Department of Financial 647 Services may pay rewards of up to \$25,000 to persons providing 648 information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons 649 committing crimes investigated by the Division of Insurance 650 Fraud arising from violations of s. 440.105, s. 624.15, s.

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651 626.9541, s. 626.989, or s. 817.234. 652 2. Pursuant to s. 627.736(5)(e)1., if the insured notifies 653 the insurer of a billing error, the insured may be entitled to a 654 certain percentage of a reduction in the amount paid by the 655 insured's motor vehicle insurer. 656 A notice that solicitation of a person injured in a (C) 657 motor vehicle crash for purposes of filing personal injury 658 protection or tort claims could be a violation of s. 817.234, s 659 817.505, or the rules regulating The Florida Bar and should be 660 immediately reported to the Division of Insurance Fraud if such 661 conduct has taken place. 662 (2) Each insurer issuing a policy in this state providing 663 the security required under s. 627.733 shall personal injury 664 protection benefits must mail or deliver the notice as specified 665 in subsection (1) to an insured within 21 days after receiving 666 notice from the insured notice of an automobile accident or 667 claim involving personal injury to an insured who is covered 668 under the policy. The office may allow an insurer up to 30 days 669 of additional time to provide the notice specified in subsection 670 (1) not to exceed 30 days, upon a showing by the insurer that an 671 emergency justifies an extension of time.

(3) The notice required by this section does not alter or
modify the terms of the insurance contract or other <u>security</u>
requirements of this <u>part</u> act.

675 Section 16. Section 627.7355, Florida Statutes, is created 676 to read:

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677 627.7355 Motor vehicle insurance claims brought in a 678 single action.-In an action in which the owner, registrant, 679 operator, or occupant of a motor vehicle, to which security has 680 been provided pursuant to s. 627.733, is claiming personal 681 injury, all claims arising out of the plaintiff's injuries, including all derivative claims, shall be brought together, 682 683 unless good cause is shown why such claims should be brought 684 separately. 685 Section 17. Section 627.736, Florida Statutes, is 686 repealed. Section 18. Section 627.737, Florida Statutes, is 687 688 repealed. 689 Section 19. Section 627.739, Florida Statutes, is 690 repealed. 691 Section 20. Section 627.7403, Florida Statutes, is 692 repealed. 693 Section 21. Section 627.7405, Florida Statutes, is 694 repealed. 695 Section 22. Section 627.7407, Florida Statutes, is 696 repealed. Section 23. Sections 15 and 16 of chapter 2012-197, Laws 697 698 of Florida, are repealed. 699 Section 24. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 700 318.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 701 318.18 Amount of penalties.-The penalties required for a 702 noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal

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703 offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows:

704 (2) Thirty dollars for all nonmoving traffic violations 705 and:

(b) For all violations of ss. 320.0605, 320.07(1),
322.065, and 322.15(1). <u>A</u> Any person who is cited for a
violation of s. 320.07(1) shall be charged a delinquent fee
pursuant to s. 320.07(4).

710 If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 320.0605 1. 711 or s. 320.07 can show proof of having a valid registration at 712 the time of arrest, the clerk of the court may dismiss the case 713 and may assess a dismissal fee of up to \$10. A person who finds 714 it impossible or impractical to obtain a valid registration 715 certificate must submit an affidavit detailing the reasons for 716 the impossibility or impracticality. The reasons may include, 717 but are not limited to, the fact that the vehicle was sold, 718 stolen, or destroyed; that the state in which the vehicle is 719 registered does not issue a certificate of registration; or that the vehicle is owned by another person. 720

721 2. If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 322.03, 722 s. 322.065, or s. 322.15 can show a driver license issued to him 723 or her and valid at the time of arrest, the clerk of the court 724 may dismiss the case and may assess a dismissal fee of up to 725 \$10.

3. If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 316.646
can show proof of security as required by s. 627.733, issued to
the person and valid at the time of arrest, the clerk of the

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754	of purchase is not provided. Insurers shall furnish uniform
753	agent <u>may not</u> shall refuse to issue registration if such proof
752	motor vehicle that is subject to such requirements. The issuing
751	the applicant at the time of application for registration of any
750	627.7415 shall be provided in the manner prescribed by law by
749	liability insurance have been purchased if required under s.
748	and that combined bodily liability insurance and property damage
747	death coverage has been purchased if required under s. 324.023,
746	purchased as required under s. 324.022, that bodily injury or
745	627.733, that property damage liability coverage has been
744	have been purchased if required under <u>ss. 324.022</u> and s.
743	<u>damage liability coverage</u> personal injury protection benefits
742	(5)(a) Proof that bodily injury liability and property
741	registration; forms
740	320.02 Registration required; application for
739	section 320.02, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
738	Section 25. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (5) of
737	another person.
736	injury protection insurance; or that the vehicle is owned by
735	vehicle is not required by s. 627.733 to maintain personal
734	stolen, or destroyed <u>,; that the owner or registrant of the</u>
733	not limited to, the fact that the vehicle has since been sold,
732	reasons for the impracticality. The reasons may include, but are
731	obtain proof of security must submit an affidavit detailing the
730	to \$10. A person who finds it impossible or impractical to
729	court may dismiss the case and may assess a dismissal fee of up

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755 proof-of-purchase cards in a paper or electronic format in a 756 form prescribed by the department and include the name of the 757 insured's insurance company, the coverage identification number, 758 and the make, year, and vehicle identification number of the 759 vehicle insured. The card must contain a statement notifying the 760 applicant of the penalty specified under s. 316.646(4). The card 761 or insurance policy, insurance policy binder, or certificate of 762 insurance or a photocopy of any of these; an affidavit containing the name of the insured's insurance company, the 763 764 insured's policy number, and the make and year of the vehicle 765 insured; or such other proof as may be prescribed by the 766 department constitutes shall constitute sufficient proof of 767 purchase. If an affidavit is provided as proof, it must be in substantially the following form: 768 769 Under penalty of perjury, I ... (Name of insured)... do hereby 770 certify that I have ... (Personal Injury Protection, Property 771 Damage Liability, and, if required, Bodily Injury Liability)... 772 Insurance currently in effect with ... (Name of insurance 773 company)... under ... (policy number)... covering ... (make, year, 774 and vehicle identification number of vehicle) (Signature 775 of Insured)... 776 The Such affidavit must include the following warning: 777 WARNING: GIVING FALSE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A VEHICLE 778 REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE UNDER FLORIDA 779 LAW. ANYONE GIVING FALSE INFORMATION ON THIS AFFIDAVIT IS

780 SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION.

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781 If an application is made through a licensed motor vehicle 782 dealer as required under s. 319.23, the original or a 783 photostatic copy of such card, insurance policy, insurance policy binder, or certificate of insurance or the original 784 785 affidavit from the insured shall be forwarded by the dealer to 786 the tax collector of the county or the Department of Highway 787 Safety and Motor Vehicles for processing. By executing the 788 aforesaid affidavit, the no licensed motor vehicle dealer will 789 not be liable in damages for any inadequacy, insufficiency, or 790 falsification of any statement contained therein. A card must 791 also indicate the existence of any bodily injury liability 792 insurance voluntarily purchased.

793 The verifying of proof of personal injury protection (d) 794 insurance, proof of property damage liability insurance, proof of combined bodily liability insurance and property damage 795 liability insurance, or proof of financial responsibility 796 797 insurance and the issuance or failure to issue the motor vehicle 798 registration under the provisions of this chapter is may not be 799 construed in any court as a warranty of the reliability or 800 accuracy of the evidence of such proof. Neither the department 801 nor a any tax collector is liable in damages for any inadequacy, 802 insufficiency, falsification, or unauthorized modification of 803 any item of the proof of personal injury protection insurance, 804 proof of property damage liability insurance, proof of combined 805 bodily liability insurance and property damage liability 806 insurance, or proof of financial responsibility insurance before

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807 prior to, during, or <u>after</u> subsequent to the verification of the 808 proof. The issuance of a motor vehicle registration does not 809 constitute prima facie evidence or a presumption of insurance 810 coverage.

811 Section 26. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section812 320.0609, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

813 320.0609 Transfer and exchange of registration license 814 plates; transfer fee.-

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(b) The transfer of a license plate from a vehicle
disposed of to a newly acquired vehicle does not constitute a
new registration. The application for transfer shall be accepted
without requiring proof of personal injury protection or
liability insurance.

821 Section 27. Subsection (3) of section 320.27, Florida 822 Statutes, is amended to read:

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320.27 Motor vehicle dealers.-

824 (3) APPLICATION AND FEE. - The application for the license 825 application shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the 826 department and is shall be subject to such rules with respect 827 thereto as may be so prescribed by the department it. The Such 828 application shall be verified by oath or affirmation and must 829 shall contain a full statement of the name and birth date of the 830 person or persons applying for the license therefor; the name of 831 the firm or copartnership, with the names and places of 832 residence of all members thereof, if such applicant is a firm or

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principal officers, if the applicant is a body corporate or other artificial body; the name of the state under whose laws the corporation is organized; the present and former place or places of residence of the applicant; and the prior business in which the applicant has been engaged and its the location thereof. The Such application must shall describe the exact location of the place of business and shall state whether the place of business is owned by the applicant and when acquired, or, if leased, a true copy of the lease shall be attached to the application. The applicant shall certify that the location provides an adequately equipped office and is not a residence; that the location affords sufficient unoccupied space upon and within which adequately to store all motor vehicles offered and displayed for sale; and that the location is a suitable place where the applicant can in good faith carry on such business and keep and maintain books, records, and files necessary to conduct such business, which shall be available at all reasonable hours to inspection by the department or any of its inspectors or other employees. The applicant shall certify that the business of a motor vehicle dealer is the principal business that will which shall be conducted at that location. The application must shall contain a statement that the applicant is either franchised by a manufacturer of motor vehicles, in which case

858 to sell must shall be included, or an independent

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the name of each motor vehicle that the applicant is franchised

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859 (nonfranchised) motor vehicle dealer. The application must shall 860 contain other relevant information as may be required by the 861 department, including evidence that the applicant is insured 862 under a garage liability insurance policy or a general liability 863 insurance policy coupled with a business automobile policy, 864 which includes shall include, at a minimum, \$60,000 \$25,000 865 combined single-limit liability coverage including bodily injury 866 and property damage protection and \$10,000 personal injury 867 protection. However, a salvage motor vehicle dealer as defined 868 in subparagraph (1)(c)5. is exempt from the requirements for 869 garage liability insurance and personal injury protection 870 insurance on those vehicles that cannot be legally operated on 871 roads, highways, or streets in this state. Franchise dealers 872 must submit a garage liability insurance policy, and all other 873 dealers must submit a garage liability insurance policy or a 874 general liability insurance policy coupled with a business 875 automobile policy. Such policy shall be for the license period, and evidence of a new or continued policy shall be delivered to 876 877 the department at the beginning of each license period. Upon 878 making initial application, the applicant shall pay to the 879 department a fee of \$300 in addition to any other fees required 880 by law. Applicants may choose to extend the licensure period for 881 1 additional year for a total of 2 years. An initial applicant 882 shall pay to the department a fee of \$300 for the first year and 883 \$75 for the second year, in addition to any other fees required 884 by law. An applicant for renewal shall pay to the department \$75

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885 for a 1-year renewal or \$150 for a 2-year renewal, in addition to any other fees required by law. Upon making an application 886 887 for a change of location, the applicant person shall pay a fee 888 of \$50 in addition to any other fees now required by law. The 889 department shall, in the case of every application for initial 890 licensure, verify whether certain facts set forth in the 891 application are true. Each applicant, general partner in the 892 case of a partnership, or corporate officer and director in the 893 case of a corporate applicant, must file a set of fingerprints 894 with the department for the purpose of determining any prior 895 criminal record or any outstanding warrants. The department 896 shall submit the fingerprints to the Department of Law 897 Enforcement for state processing and forwarding to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for federal processing. The actual cost 898 899 of state and federal processing shall be borne by the applicant and is in addition to the fee for licensure. The department may 900 901 issue a license to an applicant pending the results of the 902 fingerprint investigation, which license is fully revocable if 903 the department subsequently determines that any facts set forth 904 in the application are not true or correctly represented. 905 Section 28. Paragraph (j) of subsection (3) of section

906 320.771, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.771 License required of recreational vehicle dealers.(3) APPLICATION.-The application for such license shall be
in the form prescribed by the department and subject to such
rules as may be prescribed by it. The application shall be

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911 verified by oath or affirmation and shall contain: 912 (j) A statement that the applicant is insured under a 913 garage liability insurance policy, which includes shall include, at a minimum, \$60,000 \$25,000 combined single-limit liability 914 915 coverage, including bodily injury and property damage 916 protection, and \$10,000 personal injury protection, if the applicant is to be licensed as a dealer in, or intends to sell, 917 918 recreational vehicles. 919

920 The department shall, if it deems necessary, cause an 921 investigation to be made to ascertain if the facts set forth in 922 the application are true and shall not issue a license to the 923 applicant until it is satisfied that the facts set forth in the 924 application are true.

925 Section 29. Subsection (2) of section 322.251, Florida 926 Statutes, is amended to read:

927 322.251 Notice of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or928 disqualification of license.-

929 (2)The giving of notice and an order of cancellation, 930 suspension, revocation, or disqualification by mail is complete 931 upon expiration of 20 days after deposit in the United States 932 mail for all notices except those issued under chapter 324 or 933 ss. 627.733-627.734 627.732-627.734, which are complete 15 days 934 after deposit in the United States mail. Proof of the giving of 935 notice and an order of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or 936 disqualification in either manner shall be made by entry in the

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937 records of the department that such notice was given. The entry 938 is admissible in the courts of this state and constitutes 939 sufficient proof that such notice was given.

940 Section 30. Subsection (7) of section 400.9905, Florida 941 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (8), subsection (4) is 942 amended, and a new subsection (7) is added to that section, to 943 read:

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400.9905 Definitions.-

945 (4) "Clinic" means an entity where health care services 946 are provided to individuals and which tenders charges for 947 reimbursement for such services, including a mobile clinic and a 948 portable equipment provider. As used in this part, the term does 949 not include and the licensure requirements of this part do not 950 apply to:

Entities licensed or registered by the state under 951 (a) 952 chapter 395; entities licensed or registered by the state and 953 providing only health care services within the scope of services 954 authorized under their respective licenses under ss. 383.30-955 383.335, chapter 390, chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter 956 except part X, chapter 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 957 466, chapter 478, part I of chapter 483, chapter 484, or chapter 958 651; end-stage renal disease providers authorized under 42 959 C.F.R. part 405, subpart U; providers certified under 42 C.F.R. 960 part 485, subpart B or subpart H; or any entity that provides 961 neonatal or pediatric hospital-based health care services or 962 other health care services by licensed practitioners solely

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963 within a hospital licensed under chapter 395.

964 Entities that own, directly or indirectly, entities (b) 965 licensed or registered by the state pursuant to chapter 395; 966 entities that own, directly or indirectly, entities licensed or 967 registered by the state and providing only health care services 968 within the scope of services authorized pursuant to their 969 respective licenses under ss. 383.30-383.335, chapter 390, 970 chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter except part X, chapter 971 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 478, part I 972 of chapter 483, chapter 484, or chapter 651; end-stage renal 973 disease providers authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 405, subpart 974 U; providers certified under 42 C.F.R. part 485, subpart B or 975 subpart H; or any entity that provides neonatal or pediatric 976 hospital-based health care services by licensed practitioners 977 solely within a hospital licensed under chapter 395.

978 Entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, by an (C) 979 entity licensed or registered by the state pursuant to chapter 980 395; entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, by an 981 entity licensed or registered by the state and providing only 982 health care services within the scope of services authorized 983 pursuant to their respective licenses under ss. 383.30-383.335, 984 chapter 390, chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter except part 985 X, chapter 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 986 478, part I of chapter 483, chapter 484, or chapter 651; end-987 stage renal disease providers authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 988 405, subpart U; providers certified under 42 C.F.R. part 485,

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989 subpart B or subpart H; or any entity that provides neonatal or 990 pediatric hospital-based health care services by licensed 991 practitioners solely within a hospital under chapter 395.

992 (d) Entities that are under common ownership, directly or 993 indirectly, with an entity licensed or registered by the state 994 pursuant to chapter 395; entities that are under common 995 ownership, directly or indirectly, with an entity licensed or 996 registered by the state and providing only health care services 997 within the scope of services authorized pursuant to their 998 respective licenses under ss. 383.30-383.335, chapter 390, 999 chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter except part X, chapter 1000 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 478, part I 1001 of chapter 483, chapter 484, or chapter 651; end-stage renal 1002 disease providers authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 405, subpart 1003 U; providers certified under 42 C.F.R. part 485, subpart B or 1004 subpart H; or any entity that provides neonatal or pediatric 1005 hospital-based health care services by licensed practitioners 1006 solely within a hospital licensed under chapter 395.

1007 An entity that is exempt from federal taxation under (e) 1008 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(3) or (4), an employee stock ownership plan 1009 under 26 U.S.C. s. 409 that has a board of trustees at least 1010 two-thirds of which are Florida-licensed health care 1011 practitioners and provides only physical therapy services under physician orders, any community college or university clinic, 1012 1013 and any entity owned or operated by the federal or state 1014 government, including agencies, subdivisions, or municipalities

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1015 thereof.

(f) A sole proprietorship, group practice, partnership, or corporation that provides health care services by physicians covered by s. 627.419, that is directly supervised by one or more of such physicians, and that is wholly owned by one or more of those physicians or by a physician and the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of that physician.

(q) 1022 A sole proprietorship, group practice, partnership, or corporation that provides health care services by licensed 1023 1024 health care practitioners under chapter 457, chapter 458, 1025 chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, chapter 462, chapter 463, 1026 chapter 466, chapter 467, chapter 480, chapter 484, chapter 486, 1027 chapter 490, chapter 491, or part I, part III, part X, part 1028 XIII, or part XIV of chapter 468, or s. 464.012, and that is 1029 wholly owned by one or more licensed health care practitioners, 1030 or the licensed health care practitioners set forth in this 1031 paragraph and the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a 1032 licensed health care practitioner if one of the owners who is a 1033 licensed health care practitioner is supervising the business 1034 activities and is legally responsible for the entity's 1035 compliance with all federal and state laws. However, a health 1036 care practitioner may not supervise services beyond the scope of 1037 the practitioner's license, except that, for the purposes of this part, a clinic owned by a licensee in s. 456.053(3)(b) 1038 1039 which provides only services authorized pursuant to s. 1040 456.053(3)(b) may be supervised by a licensee specified in s.

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1041 456.053(3)(b).

(h) Clinical facilities affiliated with an accredited
medical school at which training is provided for medical
students, residents, or fellows.

(i) Entities that provide only oncology or radiation therapy services by physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or entities that provide oncology or radiation therapy services by physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 which are owned by a corporation whose shares are publicly traded on a recognized stock exchange.

1051 (j) Clinical facilities affiliated with a college of 1052 chiropractic accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education 1053 at which training is provided for chiropractic students.

(k) Entities that provide licensed practitioners to staff emergency departments or to deliver anesthesia services in facilities licensed under chapter 395 and that derive at least 90 percent of their gross annual revenues from the provision of such services. Entities claiming an exemption from licensure under this paragraph must provide documentation demonstrating compliance.

(1) Orthotic, prosthetic, pediatric cardiology, or perinatology clinical facilities or anesthesia clinical facilities that are not otherwise exempt under paragraph (a) or paragraph (k) and that are a publicly traded corporation or are wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by a publicly traded corporation. As used in this paragraph, a publicly traded

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1067 corporation is a corporation that issues securities traded on an 1068 exchange registered with the United States Securities and 1069 Exchange Commission as a national securities exchange.

1070 (m) Entities that are owned by a corporation that has \$250 1071 million or more in total annual sales of health care services 1072 provided by licensed health care practitioners where one or more 1073 of the persons responsible for the operations of the entity is a 1074 health care practitioner who is licensed in this state and who 1075 is responsible for supervising the business activities of the 1076 entity and is responsible for the entity's compliance with state 1077 law for purposes of this part.

1078 (n) Entities that employ 50 or more licensed health care 1079 practitioners licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 where 1080 the billing for medical services is under a single tax 1081 identification number. The application for exemption under this 1082 subsection must include shall contain information that includes: 1083 the name, residence $_{\tau}$ and business address, and telephone phone 1084 number of the entity that owns the practice; a complete list of 1085 the names and contact information of all the officers and directors of the corporation; the name, residence address, 1086 1087 business address, and medical license number of each licensed 1088 Florida health care practitioner employed by the entity; the 1089 corporate tax identification number of the entity seeking an 1090 exemption; a list listing of health care services to be provided 1091 by the entity at the health care clinics owned or operated by 1092 the entity and a certified statement prepared by an independent

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1093	certified public accountant which states that the entity and the
1094	health care clinics owned or operated by the entity have not
1095	received payment for health care services <u>related to a motor</u>
1096	vehicle accident injury under personal injury protection
1097	insurance coverage for the preceding year. If the agency
1098	determines that an entity <u>that</u> which is exempt under this
1099	subsection has received payments for medical services related to
1100	a motor vehicle accident injury under personal injury protection
1101	insurance coverage, the agency may deny or revoke the exemption
1102	from licensure under this subsection.
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1104	Notwithstanding this subsection, an entity shall be deemed a
1105	clinic and must be licensed under this part in order to receive
1106	reimbursement under the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, ss.
1107	627.730-627.7405, unless exempted under s. 627.736(5)(h).
1108	(7) "Motor vehicle accident injury" means accidental
1109	bodily injury sustained while occupying a motor vehicle as
1110	defined in s. 627.732 or, if the injured party is not an
1111	occupant of a motor vehicle, an injury caused by physical
1112	contact with a motor vehicle.
1113	Section 31. Subsection (6) of section 400.991, Florida
1114	Statutes, is amended to read:
1115	400.991 License requirements; background screenings;
1116	prohibitions
1117	(6) All agency forms for licensure application or
1118	exemption from licensure under this part must contain the
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1119	following statement:
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1121	INSURANCE FRAUD NOTICE.—A person who knowingly submits
1122	a false, misleading, or fraudulent application or
1123	other document when applying for licensure as a health
1124	care clinic, seeking an exemption from licensure as a
1125	health care clinic, or demonstrating compliance with
1126	part X of chapter 400, Florida Statutes, with the
1127	intent to use the license, exemption from licensure,
1128	or demonstration of compliance to provide services or
1129	seek reimbursement related to a motor vehicle accident
1130	injury under the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law,
1131	commits a fraudulent insurance act, as defined in s.
1132	626.989, Florida Statutes. A person who presents a
1133	claim for personal injury protection benefits knowing
1134	that the payee knowingly submitted such health care
1135	clinic application or document, commits insurance
1136	fraud, as defined in s. 817.234, Florida Statutes.
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1138	Section 32. Paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section
1139	400.9935, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1140	400.9935 Clinic responsibilities
1141	(1) Each clinic shall appoint a medical director or clinic
1142	director who shall agree in writing to accept legal
1143	responsibility for the following activities on behalf of the
1144	clinic. The medical director or the clinic director shall:
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1145 Conduct systematic reviews of clinic billings to (q) ensure that the billings are not fraudulent or unlawful. Upon 1146 1147 discovery of an unlawful charge, the medical director or clinic director shall take immediate corrective action. If the clinic 1148 1149 performs only the technical component of magnetic resonance 1150 imaging, static radiographs, computed tomography, or positron 1151 emission tomography, and provides the professional interpretation of such services, in a fixed facility that is 1152 accredited by a national accrediting organization that is 1153 1154 approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for 1155 magnetic resonance imaging and advanced diagnostic imaging 1156 services and if, in the preceding quarter, the percentage of scans performed by that clinic relating to a motor vehicle 1157 1158 accident injury which was billed to all personal injury 1159 protection insurance carriers was less than 15 percent, the 1160 chief financial officer of the clinic may, in a written 1161 acknowledgment provided to the agency, assume the responsibility for the conduct of the systematic reviews of clinic billings to 1162 1163 ensure that the billings are not fraudulent or unlawful.

1164Section 33.Subsection (28) of section 409.901, Florida1165Statutes, is amended to read:

1166 409.901 Definitions; ss. 409.901-409.920.—As used in ss. 1167 409.901-409.920, except as otherwise specifically provided, the 1168 term:

1169 (28) "Third-party benefit" means any benefit that is or 1170 may be available at any time through contract, court award,

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1171 judgment, settlement, agreement, or any arrangement between a third party and any person or entity, including, without 1172 1173 limitation, a Medicaid recipient, a provider, another third 1174 party, an insurer, or the agency, for any Medicaid-covered 1175 injury, illness, goods, or services, including costs of medical 1176 services related thereto, for bodily personal injury or for 1177 death of the recipient, but specifically excluding policies of life insurance policies on the recipient, unless available under 1178 1179 terms of the policy to pay medical expenses before prior to 1180 death. The term includes, without limitation, collateral, as 1181 defined in this section, health insurance, any benefit under a 1182 health maintenance organization, a preferred provider arrangement, a prepaid health clinic, liability insurance, 1183 1184 uninsured motorist insurance or personal injury protection 1185 coverage, medical benefits under workers' compensation, and any 1186 obligation under law or equity to provide medical support.

1187Section 34. Paragraph (f) of subsection (11) of section1188409.910, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1189 409.910 Responsibility for payments on behalf of Medicaid-1190 eligible persons when other parties are liable.-

(11) The agency may, as a matter of right, in order to enforce its rights under this section, institute, intervene in, or join any legal or administrative proceeding in its own name in one or more of the following capacities: individually, as subrogee of the recipient, as assignee of the recipient, or as lienholder of the collateral.

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(f) Notwithstanding any <u>other</u> provision in this section to the contrary, <u>if</u> in the event of an action in tort against a third party in which the recipient or his or her legal representative is a party which results in a judgment, award, or settlement from a third party, the amount recovered shall be distributed as follows:

1203 1. After <u>attorney</u> attorney's fees and taxable costs as 1204 defined by the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, one-half of the 1205 remaining recovery shall be paid to the agency up to the total 1206 amount of medical assistance provided by Medicaid.

1207 2. The remaining amount of the recovery shall be paid to 1208 the recipient.

1209 3. For purposes of calculating the agency's recovery of 1210 medical assistance benefits paid, the fee for services of an 1211 attorney retained by the recipient or his or her legal 1212 representative shall be calculated at 25 percent of the 1213 judgment, award, or settlement.

1214 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to 1215 the contrary, the agency is shall be entitled to all medical 1216 coverage benefits up to the total amount of medical assistance 1217 provided by Medicaid. For purposes of this paragraph, "medical 1218 coverage" means any benefits under health insurance, a health 1219 maintenance organization, a preferred provider arrangement, or a prepaid health clinic, and the portion of benefits designated 1220 1221 for medical payments under coverage for workers' compensation $_{\mathcal{T}}$ 1222 personal injury protection, and casualty.

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Section 35. Paragraph (k) of subsection (2) of section 456.057, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1225 456.057 Ownership and control of patient records; report 1226 or copies of records to be furnished; disclosure of 1227 information.—

1228 (2) As used in this section, the terms "records owner," 1229 "health care practitioner," and "health care practitioner's employer" do not include any of the following persons or 1230 1231 entities; furthermore, the following persons or entities are not 1232 authorized to acquire or own medical records, but are authorized 1233 under the confidentiality and disclosure requirements of this 1234 section to maintain those documents required by the part or 1235 chapter under which they are licensed or regulated:

(k) Persons or entities practicing under s. 627.736(7).

Section 36. Paragraphs (gg) through (nn) of subsection (1) of section 456.072, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (ee) through (11), respectively, and paragraphs (ee) and (ff) of that subsection are amended, to read:

1241 456.072 Grounds for discipline; penalties; enforcement.1242 (1) The following acts shall constitute grounds for which
1243 the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may be
1244 taken:

1245 (ee) With respect to making a personal injury protection
1246 claim as required by s. 627.736, intentionally submitting a
1247 claim, statement, or bill that has been "upcoded" as defined in
1248 s. 627.732.

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1249 (ff) With respect to making a personal injury protection claim as required by s. 627.736, intentionally submitting a 1250 1251 claim, statement, or bill for payment of services that were not 1252 rendered. 1253 Section 37. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section 626.9541, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1254 1255 626.9541 Unfair methods of competition and unfair or 1256 deceptive acts or practices defined.-1257 UNFAIR METHODS OF COMPETITION AND UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE (1)1258 ACTS.-The following are defined as unfair methods of competition 1259 and unfair or deceptive acts or practices: 1260 (i) Unfair claim settlement practices.-1261 1. Attempting to settle claims on the basis of an 1262 application τ when serving as a binder or intended to become a 1263 part of the policy, or any other material document that which 1264 was altered without notice to, or knowledge or consent of, the 1265 insured; 1266 2. A material misrepresentation made to an insured or any 1267 other person having an interest in the proceeds that are payable 1268 under a such contract or policy, for the purpose and with the 1269 intent of effecting settlement of such claims, loss, or damage 1270 under such contract or policy on less favorable terms than those 1271 provided in, and contemplated by, the such contract or policy; 1272 or 1273 3. Committing or performing with such frequency as to 1274 indicate a general business practice any of the following: Page 49 of 86

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1275 Failing to adopt and implement standards for the proper a. 1276 investigation of claims; 1277 Misrepresenting pertinent facts or insurance policy b. provisions relating to coverages at issue; 1278 1279 с. Failing to acknowledge and act promptly upon 1280 communications with respect to claims; 1281 Denying claims without conducting reasonable d. investigations based upon available information; 1282 1283 Failing to affirm or deny full or partial coverage of e. 1284 claims, and, as to partial coverage, the dollar amount or extent 1285 of coverage, or failing to provide a written statement that the 1286 claim is being investigated, upon the written request of the 1287 insured, within 30 days after proof-of-loss statements have been 1288 completed; 1289 f. Failing to promptly provide a reasonable explanation in 1290 writing to the insured of the basis in the insurance policy, in 1291 relation to the facts or applicable law, for denial of a claim 1292 or for the offer of a compromise settlement; 1293 Failing to promptly notify the insured of any α. 1294 additional information necessary for the processing of a claim; 1295 or 1296 Failing to clearly explain the nature of the requested h. 1297 information and the reasons why such information is necessary. i. Failing to pay personal injury protection insurance 1298 1299 claims within the time periods required by s. 627.736(4)(b). The 1300 office may order the insurer to pay restitution to a Page 50 of 86

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1301 policyholder, medical provider, or other claimant, including 1302 interest at a rate consistent with the amount set forth in s. 1303 55.03(1), for the time period within which an insurer fails to 1304 pay claims as required by law. Restitution is in addition to any 1305 other penalties allowed by law, including, but not limited to, 1306 the suspension of the insurer's certificate of authority.

1307 4. Failing to pay undisputed amounts of partial or full benefits owed under first-party property insurance policies 1308 within 90 days after an insurer receives notice of a residential 1309 1310 property insurance claim, determines the amounts of partial or 1311 full benefits, and agrees to coverage, unless payment of the 1312 undisputed benefits is prevented by an act of God, prevented by the impossibility of performance, or due to actions by the 1313 1314 insured or claimant that constitute fraud, lack of cooperation, 1315 or intentional misrepresentation regarding the claim for which 1316 benefits are owed.

1317 Section 38. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section1318 626.989, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1319 626.989 Investigation by department or Division of 1320 Insurance Fraud; compliance; immunity; confidential information; 1321 reports to division; division investigator's power of arrest.-

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(1) For the purposes of this section:

1323 (a) A person commits a "fraudulent insurance act" if the 1324 person:

1325 1. Knowingly and with intent to defraud presents, causes 1326 to be presented, or prepares with knowledge or belief that it

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1327 will be presented, to or by an insurer, self-insurer, selfinsurance fund, servicing corporation, purported insurer, 1328 1329 broker, or any agent thereof, any written statement as part of, 1330 or in support of, an application for the issuance of, or the 1331 rating of, any insurance policy, or a claim for payment or other benefit pursuant to any insurance policy, which the person knows 1332 1333 to contain materially false information concerning any fact 1334 material thereto or if the person conceals, for the purpose of 1335 misleading another, information concerning any fact material 1336 thereto.

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2. Knowingly submits:

1338 A false, misleading, or fraudulent application or other a. 1339 document when applying for licensure as a health care clinic, 1340 seeking an exemption from licensure as a health care clinic, or 1341 demonstrating compliance with part X of chapter 400 with an 1342 intent to use the license, exemption from licensure, or 1343 demonstration of compliance to provide services or seek 1344 reimbursement relating to a motor vehicle accident under the 1345 Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law.

b. A claim for payment or other benefit <u>relating to a</u> <u>motor vehicle accident</u> pursuant to a personal injury protection <u>insurance policy under the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law</u> if the person knows that the payee knowingly submitted a false, misleading, or fraudulent application or other document when applying for licensure as a health care clinic, seeking an exemption from licensure as a health care clinic, or

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1353 demonstrating compliance with part X of chapter 400.

1354Section 39. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section1355626.9895, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1356 626.9895 Motor vehicle insurance fraud direct-support 1357 organization.-

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(4) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.-

(a) The board of directors of the organization <u>consists</u>
shall consist of the following 11 members:

1361 1. The Chief Financial Officer, or designee, who serves
 1362 shall serve as chair.

1363 2. Two state attorneys, one of whom shall be appointed by
1364 the Chief Financial Officer and the other one of whom shall be
1365 appointed by the Attorney General.

1366 3. Two representatives of motor vehicle insurers appointed1367 by the Chief Financial Officer.

1368 4. Two representatives of local law enforcement agencies,
1369 one of whom shall be appointed by the Chief Financial Officer
1370 and the other one of whom shall be appointed by the Attorney
1371 General.

5. Two representatives of the types of health care providers who regularly make claims for benefits <u>related to</u> <u>motor vehicle accidents</u> <u>under ss. 627.730-627.7405</u>, one of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and <u>the other</u> one of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The appointees may not represent the same type of health care provider.

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1379 A private attorney who has experience in representing 6. 1380 claimants in motor vehicle tort claims, actions for benefits under ss. 627.730-627.7405, who shall be appointed by the 1381 President of the Senate. 1382 1383 7. A private attorney who has experience in representing 1384 insurers in motor vehicle tort claims, actions for benefits 1385 under ss. 627.730-627.7405, who shall be appointed by the 1386 Speaker of the House of Representatives. 1387 Section 40. Subsection (1) of section 627.06501, Florida 1388 Statutes, is amended to read: 1389 627.06501 Insurance discounts for certain persons 1390 completing driver improvement course.-1391 Any rate, rating schedule, or rating manual for the (1)1392 liability, personal injury protection, and collision coverages 1393 of a motor vehicle insurance policy filed with the office may 1394 provide for an appropriate reduction in premium charges as to 1395 such coverages if when the principal operator on the covered vehicle has successfully completed a driver improvement course 1396 1397 approved and certified by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles which is effective in reducing crash or violation 1398 1399 rates, or both, as determined pursuant to s. 318.1451(5). Any 1400 discount, not to exceed 10 percent, used by an insurer is 1401 presumed to be appropriate unless credible data demonstrates 1402 otherwise. 1403 Section 41. Subsection (1) of section 627.0652, Florida 1404 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1405 627.0652 Insurance discounts for certain persons 1406 completing safety course.-1407 (1)Any rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals for the 1408 liability, personal injury protection, and collision coverages 1409 of a motor vehicle insurance policy filed with the office must shall provide for an appropriate reduction in premium charges as 1410 1411 to such coverages if when the principal operator on the covered vehicle is an insured 55 years of age or older who has 1412 successfully completed a motor vehicle accident prevention 1413 1414 course approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor 1415 Vehicles. Any discount used by an insurer is presumed to be 1416 appropriate unless credible data demonstrates otherwise. 1417 Section 42. Subsections (1), (3), and (6) of section 627.0653, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1418

1419 627.0653 Insurance discounts for specified motor vehicle
1420 equipment.-

(1) Any rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals for the
liability, personal injury protection, and collision coverages
of a motor vehicle insurance policy filed with the office <u>must</u>
shall provide a premium discount if the insured vehicle is
equipped with factory-installed, four-wheel antilock brakes.

(3) Any rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals for personal injury protection coverage and medical payments coverage, if offered, of a motor vehicle insurance policy filed with the office <u>must</u> shall provide a premium discount if the insured vehicle is equipped with one or more air bags which are

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1431 factory installed.

(6) 1432 The Office of Insurance Regulation may approve a 1433 premium discount to any rates, rating schedules, or rating 1434 manuals for the liability, personal injury protection, and 1435 collision coverages of a motor vehicle insurance policy filed 1436 with the office if the insured vehicle is equipped with 1437 autonomous driving technology or electronic vehicle collision avoidance technology that is factory installed or a retrofitted 1438 system and that complies with National Highway Traffic Safety 1439 1440 Administration standards.

1441 Section 43. Section 627.4132, Florida Statutes, is amended 1442 to read:

627.4132 Stacking of coverages prohibited.-If an insured 1443 1444 or named insured is protected by any type of motor vehicle insurance policy for liability, personal injury protection, or 1445 1446 other coverage, the policy must shall provide that the insured 1447 or named insured is protected only to the extent of the coverage she or he has on the vehicle involved in the accident. However, 1448 1449 if none of the insured's or named insured's vehicles is involved 1450 in the accident, coverage is available only to the extent of 1451 coverage on any one of the vehicles with applicable coverage. 1452 Coverage on any other vehicles may shall not be added to or 1453 stacked onto upon that coverage. This section does not apply:

1454 (1) To uninsured motorist coverage, which is separately 1455 governed by s. 627.727.

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(2) To reduce the coverage available by reason of

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1457 insurance policies insuring different named insureds.

1458 Section 44. Subsection (6) of section 627.6482, Florida 1459 Statutes, is amended to read:

1460 627.6482 Definitions.-As used in ss. 627.648-627.6498, the 1461 term:

(6) "Health insurance" means any hospital and medical 1462 1463 expense incurred policy, minimum premium plan, stop-loss 1464 coverage, health maintenance organization contract, prepaid 1465 health clinic contract, multiple-employer welfare arrangement 1466 contract, or fraternal benefit society health benefits contract, 1467 whether sold as an individual or group policy or contract. The 1468 term does not include a any policy covering medical payment coverage or bodily personal injury liability protection coverage 1469 1470 in a motor vehicle policy, coverage issued as a supplement to 1471 liability insurance, or workers' compensation.

1472 Section 45. Section 627.7263, Florida Statutes, is amended 1473 to read:

1474 627.7263 Rental and leasing driver's insurance to be 1475 primary; exception.-

(1) The Valid and collectible liability insurance or personal injury protection insurance providing coverage for the lessor of a motor vehicle for rent or lease is primary unless otherwise stated in at least 10-point type on the face of the rental or lease agreement. Such insurance is primary for the limits of liability required under s. 324.021(7) and personal injury protection coverage as required by ss. 324.021(7) and

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1484 (2) If the lessee's coverage is to be primary, the rental 1485 or lease agreement must contain the following language, in at 1486 least 10-point type:

1488 "The valid and collectible liability insurance and 1489 personal injury protection insurance of <u>an</u> any 1490 authorized rental or leasing driver is primary for the 1491 limits of liability and personal injury protection 1492 coverage required <u>under s.</u> by ss. 324.021(7) and 1493 627.736, Florida Statutes."

1494 Section 46. Subsections (8) through (10) of section 1495 627.727, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) 1496 through (9), respectively, and subsection (1) and present 1497 subsection (7) of that section are amended, to read:

1498 627.727 Motor vehicle insurance; uninsured and 1499 underinsured vehicle coverage; insolvent insurer protection.-

1500 No motor vehicle liability insurance policy which (1)1501 provides bodily injury liability coverage shall be delivered or 1502 issued for delivery in this state with respect to any 1503 specifically insured or identified motor vehicle registered or 1504 principally garaged in this state unless uninsured motor vehicle 1505 coverage is provided therein or supplemental thereto for the 1506 protection of persons insured thereunder who are legally 1507 entitled to recover damages from owners or operators of 1508 uninsured motor vehicles because of bodily injury, sickness, or

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1509 disease, including death, resulting therefrom. However, the coverage required under this section is not applicable if when, 1510 1511 or to the extent that, an insured named in the policy makes a 1512 written rejection of the coverage on behalf of all insureds 1513 under the policy. If When a motor vehicle is leased for a period 1514 of 1 year or longer and the lessor of such vehicle, by the terms 1515 of the lease contract, provides liability coverage on the leased vehicle, the lessee of such vehicle shall have the sole 1516 privilege to reject uninsured motorist coverage or to select 1517 1518 lower limits than the bodily injury liability limits, regardless 1519 of whether the lessor is qualified as a self-insurer pursuant to 1520 s. 324.171. Unless an insured, or lessee having the privilege of 1521 rejecting uninsured motorist coverage, requests such coverage or 1522 requests higher uninsured motorist limits in writing, the 1523 coverage or such higher uninsured motorist limits need not be 1524 provided in or supplemental to any other policy that which 1525 renews, extends, changes, supersedes, or replaces an existing 1526 policy with the same bodily injury liability limits if when an 1527 insured or lessee had rejected the coverage. If When an insured 1528 or lessee has initially selected limits of uninsured motorist 1529 coverage lower than her or his bodily injury liability limits, 1530 higher limits of uninsured motorist coverage need not be 1531 provided in or supplemental to any other policy that which renews, extends, changes, supersedes, or replaces an existing 1532 1533 policy with the same bodily injury liability limits unless an 1534 insured requests higher uninsured motorist coverage in writing.

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1535 The rejection or selection of lower limits shall be made on a form approved by the office. The form must shall fully advise 1536 1537 the applicant of the nature of the coverage and shall state that 1538 the coverage is equal to bodily injury liability limits unless 1539 lower limits are requested or the coverage is rejected. The 1540 heading of the form shall be in 12-point bold type and shall 1541 state: "You are electing not to purchase certain valuable coverage that which protects you and your family or you are 1542 purchasing uninsured motorist limits less than your bodily 1543 1544 injury liability limits when you sign this form. Please read 1545 carefully." If this form is signed by a named insured, it will 1546 be conclusively presumed that there was an informed, knowing 1547 rejection of coverage or election of lower limits on behalf of 1548 all insureds. The insurer shall notify the named insured at 1549 least annually of her or his options as to the coverage required 1550 by this section. Such notice must shall be part of, and attached 1551 to, the notice of premium, must shall provide for a means to 1552 allow the insured to request such coverage, and must shall be 1553 given in a manner approved by the office. Receipt of this notice does not constitute an affirmative waiver of the insured's right 1554 1555 to uninsured motorist coverage if where the insured has not 1556 signed a selection or rejection form. The coverage described 1557 under this section is shall be over and above, but may shall not duplicate, the benefits available to an insured under any 1558 1559 workers' compensation law, personal injury protection benefits, 1560 disability benefits law, or similar law; under any automobile

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1561 medical expense coverage; under any motor vehicle liability 1562 insurance coverage; or from the owner or operator of the 1563 uninsured motor vehicle or any other person or organization 1564 jointly or severally liable together with such owner or operator 1565 for the accident; and such coverage must shall cover the 1566 difference, if any, between the sum of such benefits and the damages sustained, up to the maximum amount of such coverage 1567 1568 provided under this section. The amount of coverage available 1569 under this section may shall not be reduced by a setoff against 1570 any coverage, including liability insurance. Such coverage does 1571 shall not inure, directly or indirectly, to the benefit of any 1572 workers' compensation or disability benefits carrier or any 1573 person or organization qualifying as a self-insurer under any 1574 workers' compensation or disability benefits law or similar law. 1575 (7) The legal liability of an uninsured motorist coverage 1576 insurer does not include damages in tort for pain, suffering, 1577 mental anguish, and inconvenience unless the injury or disease 1578 is described in one or more of paragraphs (a)-(d) of s. 1579 627.737(2). 1580 Section 47. Subsection (1) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of 1581 subsection (2) of section 627.7275, Florida Statutes, are 1582 amended to read: 1583 627.7275 Motor vehicle liability.-1584 A motor vehicle insurance policy providing personal (1)1585 injury protection as set forth in s. 627.736 may not be

1586 delivered or issued for delivery in this state for a with

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1587 respect to any specifically insured or identified motor vehicle 1588 registered or principally garaged in this state <u>must provide</u> 1589 unless the policy also provides coverage for property damage 1590 liability <u>and bodily injury liability</u> as required <u>under by</u> s. 1591 324.022.

(2) (a) Insurers writing motor vehicle insurance in this state shall make available, subject to the insurers' usual underwriting restrictions:

1595 1. Coverage under policies as described in subsection (1) 1596 to an applicant for private passenger motor vehicle insurance 1597 coverage who is seeking the coverage in order to reinstate the 1598 applicant's driving privileges in this state if the driving 1599 privileges were revoked or suspended pursuant to s. 316.646 or 1600 s. 324.0221 due to the failure of the applicant to maintain 1601 required security.

1602 Coverage under policies as described in subsection (1), 2. 1603 which also provides bodily injury liability coverage and 1604 property damage liability coverage for bodily injury, death, and 1605 property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or 1606 use of the motor vehicle in an amount not less than the limits 1607 described in s. 324.021(7) and conforms to the requirements of 1608 s. 324.151, to an applicant for private passenger motor vehicle 1609 insurance coverage who is seeking the coverage in order to reinstate the applicant's driving privileges in this state after 1610 1611 such privileges were revoked or suspended under s. 316.193 or s. 1612 322.26(2) for driving under the influence.

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1613 The policies described in paragraph (a) shall be (b) issued for at least 6 months and, as to the minimum coverages 1614 1615 required under this section, may not be canceled by the insured for any reason or by the insurer after 60 days, during which 1616 1617 period the insurer is completing the underwriting of the policy. 1618 After the insurer has completed underwriting the policy, the 1619 insurer shall notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles that the policy is in full force and effect and is not 1620 cancelable for the remainder of the policy period. A premium 1621 1622 shall be collected and the coverage is in effect for the 60-day 1623 period during which the insurer is completing the underwriting 1624 of the policy whether or not the person's driver license, motor 1625 vehicle tag, and motor vehicle registration are in effect. Once 1626 the noncancelable provisions of the policy become effective, the 1627 coverages for bodily injury and, property damage, and personal 1628 injury protection may not be reduced below the minimum limits 1629 required under s. 324.021 or s. 324.023 during the policy 1630 period.

1631 Section 48. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1632 627.728, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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627.728 Cancellations; nonrenewals.-

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(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Policy" means the bodily injury and property damage
liability, personal injury protection, medical payments,
comprehensive, collision, and uninsured motorist coverage
portions of a policy of motor vehicle insurance delivered or

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1639 issued for delivery in this state:

1640 1. Insuring a natural person as named insured or one or 1641 more related individuals <u>who are residents</u> resident of the same 1642 household; and

1643 2. Insuring only a motor vehicle of the private passenger 1644 type or station wagon type which is not used as a public or 1645 livery conveyance for passengers or rented to others; or insuring any other four-wheel motor vehicle having a load 1646 1647 capacity of 1,500 pounds or less which is not used in the 1648 occupation, profession, or business of the insured other than 1649 farming; other than any policy issued under an automobile 1650 insurance assigned risk plan; insuring more than four 1651 automobiles; or covering garage, automobile sales agency, repair shop, service station, or public parking place operation 1652 1653 hazards.

1655 The term "policy" does not include a binder as defined in s. 1656 627.420 unless the duration of the binder period exceeds 60 1657 days.

Section 49. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection (5), and subsection (7) of section 627.7295, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 627.7295 Motor vehicle insurance contracts.-(1) As used in this section, the term:

1663 (a) "Policy" means a motor vehicle insurance policy that 1664 provides <u>bodily injury liability</u> personal injury protection

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1665 coverage, property damage liability coverage, or both.

1666 (b) "Binder" means a binder that provides motor vehicle 1667 <u>bodily injury liability personal injury protection</u> and property 1668 damage liability coverage.

1669 (5) (a) A licensed general lines agent may charge a per-1670 policy fee of up to not to exceed \$10 to cover the agent's 1671 administrative costs of the agent associated with selling the 1672 motor vehicle insurance policy if the policy covers only bodily 1673 injury liability personal injury protection coverage as provided 1674 by s. 627.736 and property damage liability coverage as provided 1675 by s. 627.7275 and if no other insurance is sold or issued in 1676 conjunction with or collateral to the policy. The fee is not 1677 considered part of the premium.

1678 (7) A policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance 1679 or a binder for such a policy may be initially issued in this 1680 state only if, before the effective date of such binder or 1681 policy, the insurer or agent has collected from the insured an amount equal to 2 months' premium from the insured. An insurer, 1682 1683 agent, or premium finance company may not, directly or indirectly, take any action that results resulting in the 1684 insured paying having paid from the insured's own funds an 1685 1686 amount less than the 2 months' premium required by this 1687 subsection. This subsection applies without regard to whether the premium is financed by a premium finance company or is paid 1688 1689 pursuant to a periodic payment plan of an insurer or an 1690 insurance agent.

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1691 This subsection does not apply: (a) If an insured or member of the insured's family is 1692 1. 1693 renewing or replacing a policy or a binder for such policy 1694 written by the same insurer or a member of the same insurer 1695 group; . This subsection does not apply 1696 To an insurer that issues private passenger motor 2. vehicle coverage primarily to active duty or former military 1697 personnel or their dependents; or. This subsection does not 1698 1699 apply 1700 If all policy payments are paid pursuant to a payroll 3. 1701 deduction plan or an automatic electronic funds transfer payment 1702 plan from the policyholder. 1703 This subsection and subsection (4) do not apply if: (b) 1704 1. All policy payments to an insurer are paid pursuant to 1705 an automatic electronic funds transfer payment plan from an 1706 agent, a managing general agent, or a premium finance company 1707 and if the policy includes, at a minimum, bodily injury liability and personal injury protection pursuant to ss. 1708 1709 627.730-627.7405; motor vehicle property damage liability 1710 pursuant to s. 627.7275; or and bodily injury liability in at 1711 least the amount of \$10,000 because of bodily injury to, or 1712 death of, one person in any one accident and in the amount of 1713 \$20,000 because of bodily injury to, or death of, two or more persons in any one accident. This subsection and subsection (4) 1714 do not apply if 1715

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2. An insured has had a policy in effect for at least 6

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1717 months, the insured's agent is terminated by the insurer that 1718 issued the policy, and the insured obtains coverage on the 1719 policy's renewal date with a new company through the terminated 1720 agent.

1721 Section 50. Section 627.8405, Florida Statutes, is amended 1722 to read:

1723 627.8405 Prohibited acts; financing companies.-<u>A</u> No
1724 premium finance company shall, in a premium finance agreement or
1725 other agreement, <u>may not</u> finance the cost of or otherwise
1726 provide for the collection or remittance of dues, assessments,
1727 fees, or other periodic payments of money for the cost of:

1728 A membership in an automobile club. The term (1)"automobile club" means a legal entity that which, in 1729 1730 consideration of dues, assessments, or periodic payments of 1731 money, promises its members or subscribers to assist them in 1732 matters relating to the ownership, operation, use, or 1733 maintenance of a motor vehicle; however, the term this definition of "automobile club" does not include persons, 1734 1735 associations, or corporations that which are organized and 1736 operated solely for the purpose of conducting, sponsoring, or 1737 sanctioning motor vehicle races, exhibitions, or contests upon 1738 racetracks, or upon racecourses established and marked as such for the duration of such particular events. The term words 1739 1740 "motor vehicle" has used herein have the same meaning as 1741 provided defined in chapter 320.

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(2) An accidental death and dismemberment policy sold in

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1743 combination with a <u>bodily injury liability</u> personal injury 1744 protection and property-damage-only property damage only policy.

1745 (3) Any product not regulated under the provisions of this1746 insurance code.

1748 This section also applies to premium financing by any insurance 1749 agent or insurance company under part XVI. The commission shall 1750 adopt rules to assure disclosure, at the time of sale, of 1751 coverages financed with <u>bodily injury liability coverage</u> 1752 personal injury protection and shall prescribe the form of such 1753 disclosure.

1754 Section 51. Subsection (1) of section 627.915, Florida 1755 Statutes, is amended to read:

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627.915 Insurer experience reporting.-

1757 Each insurer transacting private passenger automobile (1)1758 insurance in this state shall report certain information 1759 annually to the office. The information is will be due on or 1760 before July 1 of each year. The information shall be divided 1761 into the following categories: bodily injury liability; property damage liability; uninsured motorist; personal injury protection 1762 1763 benefits; medical payments; comprehensive and collision. The 1764 information must given shall be on direct insurance writings in 1765 the state alone and shall represent total limits data. The 1766 information set forth in paragraphs (a) - (f) is applicable to 1767 voluntary private passenger and Joint Underwriting Association 1768 private passenger writings and shall be reported for each of the

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1769	latest 3 calendar-accident years, with an evaluation date of
1770	March 31 of the current year. The information set forth in
1771	paragraphs (g)-(j) is applicable to voluntary private passenger
1772	writings and shall be reported on a calendar-accident year basis
1773	ultimately seven times at seven different stages of development.
1774	(a) Premiums earned for the latest 3 calendar-accident
1775	years.
1776	(b) Loss development factors and the historic development
1777	of those factors.
1778	(c) Policyholder dividends incurred.
1779	(d) Expenses for other acquisition and general expense.
1780	(e) Expenses for agents' commissions and taxes, licenses,
1781	and fees.
1782	(f) Profit and contingency factors as utilized in the
1783	insurer's automobile rate filings for the applicable years.
1784	(g) Losses paid.
1785	(h) Losses unpaid.
1786	(i) Loss adjustment expenses paid.
1787	(j) Loss adjustment expenses unpaid.
1788	Section 52. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) and paragraph
1789	(d) of subsection (3) of section 628.909, Florida Statutes, are
1790	amended, to read:
1791	628.909 Applicability of other laws
1792	(2) The following provisions of the Florida Insurance Code
1793	apply to captive insurance companies who are not industrial
1794	insured captive insurance companies to the extent that such
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1795 provisions are not inconsistent with this part:

1796 (d) Sections 627.730-627.7405, when no-fault coverage is 1797 provided.

(3) The following provisions of the Florida Insurance Code shall apply to industrial insured captive insurance companies to the extent that such provisions are not inconsistent with this part:

1802 (d) Sections 627.730-627.7405 when no-fault coverage is
1803 provided.

1804 Section 53. Subsections (2), (6), and (7) of section 1805 705.184, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1806 705.184 Derelict or abandoned motor vehicles on the 1807 premises of public-use airports.-

1808 (2)The airport director or the director's designee shall 1809 contact the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to 1810 notify that department that the airport has possession of the 1811 abandoned or derelict motor vehicle and to determine the name 1812 and address of the owner of the motor vehicle, the insurance 1813 company insuring the motor vehicle, notwithstanding the 1814 provisions of s. 627.736_7 and any person who has filed a lien on 1815 the motor vehicle. Within 7 business days after receipt of the 1816 information, the director or the director's designee shall send 1817 notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner of the motor vehicle, the insurance company insuring the motor 1818 1819 vehicle, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, and all 1820 persons of record claiming a lien against the motor vehicle. The

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1821 notice shall state the fact of possession of the motor vehicle, 1822 that charges for reasonable towing, storage, and parking fees, 1823 if any, have accrued and the amount thereof, that a lien as 1824 provided in subsection (6) will be claimed, that the lien is 1825 subject to enforcement pursuant to law, that the owner or 1826 lienholder, if any, has the right to a hearing as set forth in 1827 subsection (4), and that any motor vehicle which, at the end of 30 calendar days after receipt of the notice, has not been 1828 1829 removed from the airport upon payment in full of all accrued 1830 charges for reasonable towing, storage, and parking fees, if 1831 any, may be disposed of as provided in s. 705.182(2)(a), (b), 1832 (d), or (e), including, but not limited to, the motor vehicle being sold free of all prior liens after 35 calendar days after 1833 1834 the time the motor vehicle is stored if any prior liens on the 1835 motor vehicle are more than 5 years of age or after 50 calendar 1836 days after the time the motor vehicle is stored if any prior 1837 liens on the motor vehicle are 5 years of age or less.

The airport pursuant to this section or, if used, a 1838 (6)1839 licensed independent wrecker company pursuant to s. 713.78 shall have a lien on an abandoned or derelict motor vehicle for all 1840 1841 reasonable towing, storage, and accrued parking fees, if any, 1842 except that no storage fee shall be charged if the motor vehicle is stored less than 6 hours. As a prerequisite to perfecting a 1843 lien under this section, the airport director or the director's 1844 1845 designee must serve a notice in accordance with subsection (2) 1846 on the owner of the motor vehicle, the insurance company

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1847 insuring the motor vehicle, notwithstanding the provisions 627.736, and all persons of record claiming a lien against the 1848 1849 motor vehicle. If attempts to notify the owner, the insurance 1850 company insuring the motor vehicle, notwithstanding the 1851 provisions of s. 627.736, or lienholders are not successful, the 1852 requirement of notice by mail shall be considered met. Serving 1853 of the notice does not dispense with recording the claim of 1854 lien.

1855 (7)(a) For the purpose of perfecting its lien under this 1856 section, the airport shall record a claim of lien, which states 1857 shall state:

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1871 1872 1. The name and address of the airport.

1859 2. The name of the owner of the motor vehicle, the 1860 insurance company insuring the motor vehicle, notwithstanding 1861 the provisions of s. 627.736, and all persons of record claiming 1862 a lien against the motor vehicle.

1863 3. The costs incurred from reasonable towing, storage, and 1864 parking fees, if any.

1865 4. A description of the motor vehicle sufficient for1866 identification.

(b) The claim of lien shall be signed and sworn to oraffirmed by the airport director or the director's designee.

1869 (c) The claim of lien <u>is shall be</u> sufficient if it is in
1870 substantially the following form:

CLAIM OF LIEN

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1873 State of 1874 County of 1875 Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared 1876, who was duly sworn and says that he/she is the 1877 of; whose address is.....; and that the 1878 following described motor vehicle: 1879 ... (Description of motor vehicle) ... 1880 owned by, whose address is, has accrued 1881 \$..... in fees for a reasonable tow, for storage, and for 1882 parking, if applicable; that the lienor served its notice to the owner, the insurance company insuring the motor vehicle 1883 1884 notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, Florida Statutes, 1885 and all persons of record claiming a lien against the motor vehicle on, ... (year)..., by..... 1886 1887 ... (Signature) ... 1888 Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this day of 1889, ... (year) ..., by ... (name of person making statement) 1890 ... (Signature of Notary Public)..... (Print, Type, or Stamp 1891 Commissioned name of Notary Public) ... 1892 Personally Known....OR Produced....as identification. 1893 1894 However, the negligent inclusion or omission of any information 1895 in this claim of lien which does not prejudice the owner does 1896 not constitute a default that operates to defeat an otherwise 1897 valid lien. 1898 (d) The claim of lien shall be served on the owner of the

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1899 motor vehicle, the insurance company insuring the motor vehicle, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, and all persons of 1900 1901 record claiming a lien against the motor vehicle. If attempts to 1902 notify the owner, the insurance company insuring the motor 1903 vehicle notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, or 1904 lienholders are not successful, the requirement of notice by 1905 mail shall be considered met. The claim of lien shall be so served before recordation. 1906

(e) The claim of lien shall be recorded with the clerk of court in the county where the airport is located. The recording of the claim of lien shall be constructive notice to all persons of the contents and effect of such claim. The lien shall attach at the time of recordation and shall take priority as of that time.

1913 Section 54. Subsection (4) of section 713.78, Florida 1914 Statutes, is amended to read:

1915 713.78 Liens for recovering, towing, or storing vehicles 1916 and vessels.-

1917 (4) (a) Any person regularly engaged in the business of 1918 recovering, towing, or storing vehicles or vessels who comes 1919 into possession of a vehicle or vessel pursuant to subsection 1920 (2), and who claims a lien for recovery, towing, or storage 1921 services, shall give notice to the registered owner, the insurance company insuring the vehicle notwithstanding the 1922 1923 provisions of s. 627.736, and to all persons claiming a lien 1924 thereon, as disclosed by the records in the Department of

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Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or as disclosed by the records of any corresponding agency in any other state in which the vehicle is identified through a records check of the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System or an equivalent commercially available system as being titled or registered.

If a Whenever any law enforcement agency authorizes 1930 (b) 1931 the removal of a vehicle or vessel or if a whenever any towing 1932 service, garage, repair shop, or automotive service, storage, or parking place notifies the law enforcement agency of possession 1933 1934 of a vehicle or vessel pursuant to s. 715.07(2)(a)2., the law 1935 enforcement agency of the jurisdiction where the vehicle or 1936 vessel is stored shall contact the Department of Highway Safety 1937 and Motor Vehicles, or the appropriate agency of the state of 1938 registration, if known, within 24 hours through the medium of 1939 electronic communications, giving the full description of the 1940 vehicle or vessel. Upon receipt of the full description of the 1941 vehicle or vessel, the department shall search its files to determine the owner's name, the insurance company insuring the 1942 1943 vehicle or vessel, and whether any person has filed a lien upon the vehicle or vessel as provided in s. 319.27(2) and (3) and 1944 1945 notify the applicable law enforcement agency within 72 hours. 1946 The person in charge of the towing service, garage, repair shop, or automotive service, storage, or parking place shall obtain 1947 such information from the applicable law enforcement agency 1948 1949 within 5 days after the date of storage and shall give notice 1950 pursuant to paragraph (a). The department may release the

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1951 insurance company information to the requestor notwithstanding 1952 the provisions of s. 627.736.

1953 Notice by certified mail shall be sent within 7 (C) 1954 business days after the date of storage of the vehicle or vessel 1955 to the registered owner, the insurance company insuring the 1956 vehicle notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, and all 1957 persons of record claiming a lien against the vehicle or vessel. The notice must It shall state the fact of possession of the 1958 vehicle or vessel, that a lien as provided in subsection (2) is 1959 1960 claimed, that charges have accrued and the amount thereof, that 1961 the lien is subject to enforcement pursuant to law, and that the 1962 owner or lienholder, if any, has the right to a hearing as set forth in subsection (5), and that any vehicle or vessel which 1963 1964 remains unclaimed, or for which the charges for recovery, 1965 towing, or storage services remain unpaid, may be sold free of 1966 all prior liens after 35 days if the vehicle or vessel is more 1967 than 3 years of age or after 50 days if the vehicle or vessel is 1968 3 years of age or less.

1969 If attempts to locate the name and address of the (d) 1970 owner or lienholder prove unsuccessful, the towing-storage 1971 operator shall, after 7 working days, excluding Saturday and 1972 Sunday, of the initial tow or storage, notify the public agency 1973 of jurisdiction where the vehicle or vessel is stored in writing by certified mail or acknowledged hand delivery that the towing-1974 1975 storage company has been unable to locate the name and address 1976 of the owner or lienholder and a physical search of the vehicle

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1977 or vessel has disclosed no ownership information and a good faith effort has been made, including records checks of the 1978 1979 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles database and the 1980 National Motor Vehicle Title Information System or an equivalent 1981 commercially available system. As used in For purposes of this paragraph and subsection (9), the term "good faith effort" means 1982 1983 that the following checks have been performed by the company to establish prior state of registration and for title: 1984

Check of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
 Vehicles database for the owner and any lienholder.

1987 2. Check of the electronic National Motor Vehicle Title 1988 Information System or an equivalent commercially available 1989 system to determine the state of registration when there is not 1990 a current registration record for the vehicle on file with the 1991 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Check of vehicle or vessel for any type of tag, tag
 record, temporary tag, or regular tag.

19944. Check of law enforcement report for tag number or other1995information identifying the vehicle or vessel τ if the vehicle or1996vessel was towed at the request of a law enforcement officer.

1997 5. Check of trip sheet or tow ticket of tow truck operator 1998 to see if a tag was on vehicle or vessel at beginning of tow, if 1999 private tow.

2000 6. If there is no address of the owner on the impound 2001 report, check of law enforcement report to see if an out-of-2002 state address is indicated from driver license information.

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2003 7. Check of vehicle or vessel for inspection sticker or 2004 other stickers and decals that may indicate a state of possible 2005 registration.

2006 8. Check of the interior of the vehicle or vessel for any 2007 papers that may be in the glove box, trunk, or other areas for a 2008 state of registration.

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9. Check of vehicle for vehicle identification number.

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10. Check of vessel for vessel registration number.

2011 11. Check of vessel hull for a hull identification number, 2012 which should be carved, burned, stamped, embossed, or otherwise 2013 permanently affixed to the outboard side of the transom or, if 2014 there is no transom, to the outmost seaboard side at the end of 2015 the hull that bears the rudder or other steering mechanism.

2016 Section 55. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1), paragraph (c) 2017 of subsection (7), paragraphs (a) through (c) of subsection (8), 2018 and subsections (9) and (10) of section 817.234, Florida 2019 Statutes, are amended to read:

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817.234 False and fraudulent insurance claims.-

(1) (a) A person commits insurance fraud punishable as provided in subsection (11) if that person, with the intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer:

1. Presents or causes to be presented any written or oral statement as part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or other benefit pursuant to an insurance policy or a health maintenance organization subscriber or provider contract, knowing that such statement contains any false, incomplete, or

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2029 misleading information concerning any fact or thing material to 2030 such claim;

2031 2. Prepares or makes any written or oral statement that is 2032 intended to be presented to <u>an</u> any insurer in connection with, 2033 or in support of, any claim for payment or other benefit 2034 pursuant to an insurance policy or a health maintenance 2035 organization subscriber or provider contract, knowing that such 2036 statement contains any false, incomplete, or misleading 2037 information concerning any fact or thing material to such claim;

2038 Knowingly presents, causes to be presented, or 3.a. 2039 prepares or makes with knowledge or belief that it will be 2040 presented to an any insurer, purported insurer, servicing 2041 corporation, insurance broker, or insurance agent, or any 2042 employee or agent thereof, any false, incomplete, or misleading 2043 information or written or oral statement as part of, or in 2044 support of, an application for the issuance of, or the rating 2045 of, any insurance policy, or a health maintenance organization 2046 subscriber or provider contract; or

2047 b. Knowingly conceals information concerning any fact 2048 material to such application; or

2049 4. Knowingly presents, causes to be presented, or prepares 2050 or makes with knowledge or belief that it will be presented to 2051 any insurer a claim for payment or other benefit under a <u>motor</u> 2052 <u>vehicle personal injury protection</u> insurance policy if the 2053 person knows that the payee knowingly submitted a false, 2054 misleading, or fraudulent application or other document when

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2055 applying for licensure as a health care clinic, seeking an 2056 exemption from licensure as a health care clinic, or 2057 demonstrating compliance with part X of chapter 400.

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2059 (C) An insurer, or any person acting at the direction of 2060 or on behalf of an insurer, may not change an opinion in a 2061 mental or physical report prepared under s. 627.736(7) or direct 2062 the physician preparing the report to change such opinion; 2063 however, this provision does not preclude the insurer from 2064 calling to the attention of the physician errors of fact in the 2065 report based upon information in the claim file. Any person who 2066 violates this paragraph commits a felony of the third degree, 2067 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

2068 (8) (a) It is unlawful for any person intending to defraud 2069 any other person to solicit or cause to be solicited any 2070 business from a person involved in a motor vehicle accident for 2071 the purpose of making, adjusting, or settling motor vehicle tort 2072 claims or claims for personal injury protection benefits 2073 required by s. 627.736. Any person who violates the provisions 2074 of this paragraph commits a felony of the second degree, 2075 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 2076 A person who is convicted of a violation of this subsection 2077 shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 2 years.

(b) A person may not solicit or cause to be solicited any
business from a person involved in a motor vehicle accident by
any means of communication other than advertising directed to

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2081 the public for the purpose of making motor vehicle tort claims 2082 or claims for personal injury protection benefits required by s. 2083 627.736, within 60 days after the occurrence of the motor 2084 vehicle accident. Any person who violates this paragraph commits 2085 a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 2086 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

2087 (c) A lawyer, health care practitioner as defined in s. 2088 456.001, or owner or medical director of a clinic required to be 2089 licensed pursuant to s. 400.9905 may not, at any time after 60 2090 days have elapsed from the occurrence of a motor vehicle 2091 accident, solicit or cause to be solicited any business from a 2092 person involved in a motor vehicle accident by means of in 2093 person or telephone contact at the person's residence, for the 2094 purpose of making motor vehicle tort claims or claims for 2095 personal injury protection benefits required by s. 627.736. Any 2096 person who violates this paragraph commits a felony of the third 2097 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 2098 775.084.

A person may not organize, plan, or knowingly 2099 (9)2100 participate in an intentional motor vehicle crash or a scheme to 2101 create documentation of a motor vehicle crash that did not occur 2102 for the purpose of making motor vehicle tort claims or claims 2103 for personal injury protection benefits as required by s. 627.736. Any person who violates this subsection commits a 2104 2105 felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 2106 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. A person who is convicted of

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2107 a violation of this subsection shall be sentenced to a minimum 2108 term of imprisonment of 2 years. 2109 A licensed health care practitioner who is found (10)2110 guilty of insurance fraud under this section for an act relating 2111 to a motor vehicle personal injury protection insurance policy 2112 loses his or her license to practice for 5 years and may not receive reimbursement for bodily personal injury liability 2113 protection benefits for 10 years. 2114 2115 Section 56. Applicability; notice to policyholders.-2116 As used in this section, the term "minimum security (1) 2117 requirements" means security that enables a person to respond in 2118 damages for liability on account of accidents arising out of the use of a motor vehicle in the amount of \$10,000 for damage to, 2119 2120 or destruction of, property of others in any one crash; in the 2121 amount of \$25,000 for bodily injury to, or the death of, one 2122 person in any one crash; and, subject to such limits for one 2123 person, in the amount of \$50,000 for bodily injury to, or the 2124 death of, two or more persons in any one crash. 2125 Effective January 1, 2016: (2) 2126 (a) Motor vehicle insurance policies issued or renewed on or after that date may not include personal injury protection. 2127 (b) 2128 Any person subject to ss. 324.022 and 627.733, Florida 2129 Statutes, must maintain at least minimum security requirements. 2130 (c) Any new or renewal motor vehicle insurance policy 2131 delivered or issued for delivery in this state must provide 2132 coverage that complies with minimum security requirements.

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2133 An existing motor vehicle insurance policy issued (d) 2134 before that date that provides personal injury protection and 2135 property damage liability coverage that meet the requirements of 2136 ss. 324.022 and 627.733, Florida Statutes, on December 31, 2015, 2137 but that does not meet minimum security requirements on or after 2138 January 1, 2016, is deemed to meet the security requirements of 2139 ss. 324.022 and 627.733, Florida Statutes, until such policy is 2140 renewed, nonrenewed, or canceled on or after January 1, 2016. 2141 Each insurer shall allow each insured who has a new or (3) 2142 renewal policy providing personal injury protection, which 2143 becomes effective before January 1, 2016, and whose policy does 2144 not meet minimum security requirements on or after January 1, 2145 2016, to change coverages so as to eliminate personal injury protection and obtain coverage providing minimum security 2146 2147 requirements, which shall be effective on or after January 1, 2148 2016. The insurer is not required to provide coverage complying 2149 with minimum security requirements in such policies if the 2150 insured does not pay the required premium, if any, by January 1, 2151 2016, or such later date as the insurer may allow. Any reduction 2152 in the premium must be refunded by the insurer. The insurer may 2153 not impose an additional fee or charge on the insured, which 2154 applies solely to a change in coverage; however, the insurer may 2155 charge an additional required premium that is actuarially 2156 indicated. (4) By September 1, 2015, each motor vehicle insurer shall 2157 2158 provide notice of the provisions of this section to each motor

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2159	vehicle policyholder who is subject to this section. The notice
2160	is subject to approval by the Office of Insurance Regulation and
2161	must clearly inform the policyholder that:
2162	(a) The Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law is repealed,
2163	effective January 1, 2016, and that on or after that date, the
2164	insured is no longer required to maintain personal injury
2165	protection insurance coverage, that personal injury protection
2166	coverage is no longer available for purchase in this state, and
2167	that all new or renewal policies issued on or after that date do
2168	not contain such coverage.
2169	(b) Effective January 1, 2016, a person subject to the
2170	financial responsibility requirements of s. 324.022, Florida
2171	Statutes, must maintain minimum security requirements that
2172	enable the person to respond in damages for liability on account
2173	of accidents arising out of the use of a motor vehicle in the
2174	amount of \$10,000 for damage to, or destruction of, property of
2175	others in any one crash; in the amount of \$25,000 for bodily
2176	injury to, or the death of, one person in any one crash; and,
2177	subject to such limits for one person, in the amount of \$50,000
2178	for bodily injury to, or the death of, two or more persons in
2179	any one crash.
2180	(c) Personal injury protection insurance pays covered
2181	medical expenses for injuries sustained in the motor vehicle
2182	crash by the policyholder, passengers, and relatives residing in
2183	the policyholder's household.
2184	(d) Bodily injury liability coverage protects the insured,
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2185	up to the coverage limits, against loss if the insured is
2186	legally responsible for the death of or bodily injury to others
2187	in a motor vehicle accident.
2188	(e) The policyholder may be able to obtain medical
2189	payments coverage that pays covered medical expenses for
2190	injuries sustained in a motor vehicle crash by the policyholder
2191	and relatives residing in the policyholder's household, but that
2192	such coverage is not required under state law.
2193	(f) Policyholders whose insurance policies do not contain
2194	bodily injury liability coverage are without coverage that
2195	protects against loss if the policyholder is legally responsible
2196	for the death or bodily injury of others in a motor vehicle
2197	accident.
2198	(g) Underinsured motorist coverage provides benefits up to
2199	the limits of such coverage to a policyholder or other insured
2200	under the policy who is entitled to recover damages from owners
2201	or operators of uninsured or underinsured motor vehicles because
2202	of bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death in a motor vehicle
2203	accident.
2204	(h) If the policyholder's new or renewal motor vehicle
2205	insurance policy is effective before January 1, 2016, and
2206	contains personal injury protection and property damage
2207	liability coverage as required by state law before January 1,
2208	2016, but does not meet minimum security requirements on or
2209	after January 1, 2016, the policy is deemed to meet minimum
2210	security requirements until it is renewed, nonrenewed, or
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2211 canceled on or after January 1, 2016. 2212 (i) A policyholder whose new or renewal policy becomes effective before January 1, 2016, but does not meet minimum 2213 2214 security requirements on or after January 1, 2016, may change 2215 coverages under the policy so as to eliminate personal injury 2216 protection and to obtain coverage providing minimum security 2217 requirements, including bodily injury liability coverage, which 2218 are effective on or after January 1, 2016. 2219 If the policyholder has any questions, he or she (j) 2220 should contact the name and phone number provided in the notice. This section shall take effect upon this act becoming 2221 (5) 2222 a law. 2223 Application of suspensions for failure to Section 57. 2224 maintain security; reinstatement.-All suspensions for failure to 2225 maintain required security as required by law in effect before 2226 January 1, 2016, remain in full force and effect after the 2227 effective date of this act. A driver may reinstate a suspended 2228 driver license or registration as provided under s. 324.0221, 2229 Florida Statutes. 2230 Section 58. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this 2231 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon 2232 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect January 1, 2233 2016.

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