1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Hillsborough County Public
3	Transportation Commission; amending chapter 2001-299,
4	Laws of Florida, as amended; providing and revising
5	definitions; revising rulemaking authority for vehicle
6	safety and equipment requirements; revising the
7	application and certification requirements to engage
8	in the business of operating handicabs in the county;
9	revising the types of vehicles subject to restrictions
10	on marks or identification; providing certain
11	requirements for transportation network company
12	services; providing applicability; prohibiting certain
13	acts by transportation network company drivers;
14	providing an effective date.
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16	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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18	Section 1. Section 3 of chapter 2001-299, Laws of Florida,
19	is amended to read:
20	Section 3. DefinitionsAs used in this act, the term:
21	(1) "Basic life support ambulance" means any privately or
22	publicly owned vehicle, except those operated by any
23	municipality, that is designed, constructed, reconstructed,
24	maintained, equipped, or operated for and is used for or
25	intended to be used for transportation of a sick or injured
26	person requiring or likely to require medical attention during
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27 transport by a qualified person through the use of techniques such as patient assessment, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, 28 29 splinting, obstetrical assistance, bandaging, administration of 30 oxygen, application of medical anti-shock trousers, administration of a subcutaneous injection using a premeasured 31 32 autoinjector of epinephrine to a person suffering an anaphylactic reaction, and other techniques described in the 33 34 Emergency Medical Technician Basic Training Course Curriculum of 35 the United States Department of Transportation or the Florida 36 Department of Health and the requirements of chapter 401, 37 Florida Statutes.

(2) "Benefits" means benefits offered by the commission,
which include a retirement plan and life and health insurance
plans and may include cafeteria-style options and making
available to employees one or more deferred income plans.

42 (3) "Board" means the Hillsborough County Board of County43 Commissioners.

(4) "Capacity" means the maximum seating provided in amotor vehicle at the time of original manufacture.

(5) "Certificate" means the written authority granted by the commission by its order to operate one or more public vehicles <u>or to operate a transportation network company</u> in the county and its municipalities.

50(6) "Certified automobile mechanic" means an automobile51mechanic certified by the National Association of Certified

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52	Mechanics or the National Institute for Automotive Service
53	Excellence.
54	(7)(6) "Citation" means a written notice, issued by the
55	director, any interim director, or an inspector, that the
56	director, any interim director, or inspector has reasonable
57	cause to believe that the person has violated this act or the
58	rules adopted in accordance with this act. The citation must
59	contain:
60	(a) 1. The date and time of issuance.
61	(b) 2 . The name and address of the person.
62	(c) 3. The date and time the violation was committed.
63	(d)4. The facts constituting reasonable cause.
64	(e) 5. The section of the act or rule violated.
65	(f) 6. The name and authority of the director, any interim
66	director, or inspector.
67	(g) 7. The procedure and time limits for the person to
68	observe to contest the citation or to appear before the
69	commission.
70	(h)8. The applicable civil penalties that could be imposed
71	if the person elects to contest the citation.
72	(i)9. The applicable civil penalty if the person elects
73	not to contest the citation and the procedure for satisfying
74	said civil penalty.
75	<u>(j)</u> 10 . A conspicuous statement that if the person fails to
76	contest the citation within the time allowed, the person shall
77	be deemed to have waived his or her right to contest the
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78	citation and that, in such case, the applicable civil penalty
79	indicated in paragraph <u>(i)</u> 9. will apply.
80	(8)(7) "Classifications" means arrangement into sub-groups
81	or sub-categories within each type of service.
82	(9) (8) "Commission" means the Hillsborough County Public
83	Transportation Commission.
84	(10) (9) "Contingency fund" means those moneys held by the
85	district to pay a debt that is not currently fixed but may
86	become so in the future with the occurrence of some uncertain
87	event, which moneys may be carried forward from one year to the
88	next.
89	(11) (10) "County" means Hillsborough County, Florida.
90	(12) "Digital network" means any online-enabled
91	application, software, website, or other digital system that
92	enables or facilitates the prearrangement of rides with
93	transportation network company drivers.
94	(13) (11) "District" means the Hillsborough County Public
95	Transportation Commission.
96	(14) (12) "For hire" means use of any motor vehicle in the
97	county <u>to transport</u> transporting persons for compensation <u>,</u>
98	including:
99	(a) A transportation network company driver vehicle; or
100	(b) A low-speed vehicle, as defined in s. 320.01, Florida
101	Statutes, operating within the Downtown Tampa Special District
102	created pursuant to Tampa City Council Resolution No. 93-123,
103	<u>August 19, 1993</u> .

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104 (15) (13) "Handicab" means a vehicle designed, constructed, reconstructed, or operated for the transportation of a person 105 106 with non-emergency conditions where no medical assistance is 107 needed or anticipated; or for a person who is unable to 108 comfortably use a standard means of conveyance; or a person who 109 cannot enter, occupy or exit a vehicle without extensive 110 assistance; or where specialized equipment is used for wheelchair or stretcher service; and where the chauffeur/driver 111 serves as both a chauffeur/driver and attendant to assist in 112 door-to-door or bed-to-bed service. 113

114 <u>(16)(14)</u> "Hearing officer" means a person designated by 115 the commission to perform the duties prescribed by this act and 116 any rules adopted in accordance with this act who is licensed 117 and in good standing with The Florida Bar and who has 118 demonstrated experience of at least 5 years in administrative 119 law in this state.

120 <u>(17)(15)</u> "Inspector" means a person who is employed and 121 trained by the commission and is supervised by its director or 122 any interim director to provide day-to-day routine enforcement 123 of this act and any rules adopted in accordance with this act.

124 (18) (16) "Liability insurance" means insurance against 125 legal liability for the death <u>of</u>, <u>or</u> <u>bodily</u>, injury <u>to</u>, <u>a</u> 126 <u>person</u>, <u>or</u> <u>disability</u> <u>of</u> <u>any</u> <u>human</u> <u>being</u>, <u>or</u> for damage to 127 property, with provision for medical, hospital, and surgical 128 <u>benefits</u> to the injured person.

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129 (19) (17) "Limousine" means any motor vehicle for hire not equipped with a taximeter, with a capacity for 15 passengers or 130 131 less, including the driver. The term does not include: 132 (a) A transportation network company driver vehicle; or (b) A low-speed vehicle, as defined in s. 320.01, Florida 133 134 Statutes, operating within the Downtown Tampa Special District 135 created pursuant to Tampa City Council Resolution No. 93-123, 136 August 19, 1993. 137 (20) (18) "Municipality" means a municipality created 138 pursuant to general or special law authorized or reorganized pursuant to s. 2 or s. 6, Art. VIII of the State Constitution. 139 140 (21) (19) "Parties" means the applicant and any person 141 permitted to intervene during the application for certificate process in accordance with this act and any rules adopted in 142 143 accordance with this act. (22) (20) "Permit" means a license issued by the commission 144 145 to allow the operation of a particular public vehicle for which 146 a certificate has been issued. (23) (21) "Person" means an individual, firm, public or 147 148 private corporation, partnership or limited partnership company, 149 or joint venture. 150 (24) "Prearranged ride" means the provision of 151 transportation by a driver to or on behalf of a rider, beginning 152 when a driver accepts a ride requested by a rider through a 153 digital network controlled by a transportation network company, 154 continuing while the driver transports the rider, and ending Page 6 of 32

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155 when the last rider departs from the transportation network 156 company driver vehicle. The term does not include transportation 157 provided using a taxi; jitney; limousine; street hail service; ridesharing, as defined in s. 341.031, Florida Statutes; 158 159 carpool, as defined in s. 450.28, Florida Statutes; or any other 160 type of service in which the driver receives a fee that does not 161 exceed the individual's costs associated with providing the 162 ride. (25) (22) "Public highway" means any of the public streets, 163 164 boulevards, avenues, drives, or alleys within the county and its 165 municipalities. 166 (26) (23) "Public transportation" means any public vehicle 167 under the jurisdiction of the commission. (27) (24) "Public vehicle" means a taxicab, van, limousine, 168 169 handicab, basic life support ambulance, and wrecker. The term 170 does not include sightseeing cars or buses, streetcars, motor 171 buses operated pursuant to franchise, transportation network company driver vehicles, or low-speed vehicles as defined in s. 172 173 320.01, Florida Statutes, operating within the Downtown Tampa 174 Special District created pursuant to Tampa City Council 175 Resolution No. 93-123, August 19, 1993. 176 (28) (25) "Public vehicle driver driver's license" means a 177 written document issued by the commission for a driver of a 178 public vehicle, which is the property of the commission and is

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non-transferable to any other driver.

180 <u>(29) (26)</u> "Repeated violations" means two or more 181 violations that present an imminent danger to the health, 182 safety, and welfare of the traveling public.

183 <u>(30) (27)</u> "Revenues" means moneys acquired through fees for 184 services provided, any moneys that are appropriated to the 185 district by the county and any of its municipalities as provided 186 by this act, or moneys from any other source and interest income 187 thereon.

188 <u>(31)(28)</u> "Rule" means the same as the term when used in 189 describing administrative procedures required of any agency 190 within the executive branch of state government which has been 191 granted statutory rulemaking authority.

192 <u>(32)(29)</u> "Surplus funds" means revenues of the district, 193 less the contingency funds, which funds may be carried forward 194 from one fiscal year to the next.

195 (33) (30) "Taxicab" means any motor-driven vehicle, 196 equipped with a taximeter, with a capacity for 9 or less 197 passengers, including the driver, for the transportation of for 198 hire passengers, which operates within Hillsborough County, but 199 does not include sight-seeing cars or buses, transportation 200 network company vehicles, streetcars, or motor buses operated 201 pursuant to franchise, or low-speed vehicles as defined in s. 202 320.01, Florida Statutes, operating within the Downtown Tampa 203 Special District created pursuant to Tampa City Council Resolution No. 93-123, August 19, 1993. 204

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(34) (31) "Taximeter" means any internally mounted device 205 206 that records and indicates a rate of fare measured by distance 207 traveled, time traveled, waiting time, or extra passengers which 208 has been inspected and sealed by the Florida Department of 209 Agriculture and Consumer Services and which has been calibrated 210 to the approved rates promulgated by the commission. A mobile 211 telephone mounted in a transportation network company driver 212 vehicle is not a taximeter. 213 "Transportation network company" or "company" means a (35) 214 corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity 215 operating in the county which uses a digital network to connect 216 transportation network company riders to transportation network 217 company drivers who provide prearranged rides. The term does not include an individual, corporation, partnership, sole 218 219 proprietorship, or other entity arranging nonemergency medical 220 transportation for individuals qualifying for Medicaid or 221 Medicare pursuant to a contract with the state or a managed care 222 organization. 223 "Transportation network company driver" or "driver" (36) 224 means an individual who: 225 (a) Receives connections to potential riders and related 226 services from a transportation network company in exchange for 227 payment of a fee to the transportation network company; and 228 (b) Uses a transportation network company driver vehicle 229 to offer or provide a prearranged ride to riders upon connection

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230	through a digital network controlled by a transportation network
231	company in return for compensation, including payment of a fee.
232	(37) "Transportation network company driver vehicle" means
233	a vehicle, however titled, which is used by a transportation
234	network company driver in connection with providing
235	transportation network company service and that:
236	(a) Is owned, leased, or otherwise authorized for use by
237	the transportation network company driver; and
238	(b) Is not a taxi, jitney, limousine, or any other type of
239	public vehicle.
240	(38) "Transportation network company rider" or "rider"
241	means an individual who directly or indirectly uses a
242	transportation network company digital network to connect with a
243	transportation network company service that provides
244	transportation services to such individual in a transportation
245	network company driver vehicle.
246	(39) "Trip" means the duration of transportation network
247	company service beginning at a point of origin where the
248	passenger enters the driver's vehicle and ending at a point of
249	destination where the passenger exits the vehicle.
250	(40) (32) "Type of service" means <u>a</u> taxicab, transportation
251	<u>network company service, or van, or limousine, or handicab, or</u>
252	basic life support ambulance <u>,</u> or wrecker.
253	(41) (33) "Van" means any motor-driven vehicle with a
254	capacity of 10 to 15 passengers, including the driver, for the
255	transportation of for hire passengers, which operates within the
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256 county but does not include sight-seeing cars and buses, 257 streetcars, motor buses operated pursuant to franchise or 258 courtesy vans, and limousines not for hire.

(42) (34) "Wrecker" means any truck or other vehicle that 259 260 is used to tow, carry, or otherwise transport motor vehicles or 261 vessels upon the streets and highways of this state and that is 262 equipped for that purpose with a boom, winch, car carrier, or 263 other similar equipment and is contracted for use by, through, 264 or for any unit of local, county, or state government, and not 265 authorized to transport passengers for hire or any person 266 regularly engaged in towing or storing vehicles or vessels in 267 Hillsborough County pursuant to section 715.07, Florida 268 Statutes.

269 Section 2. Paragraph (m) of subsection (1) of section 5 of 270 chapter 2001-299, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

271 Section 5. Commission powers, mandatory and 272 discretionary.-

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(1) The commission shall:

(m) Adopt rules for safety and equipment requirements for taxicabs, limousine, vans, handicabs, and basic life support ambulances and for voice communications equipment for all public vehicles.

278 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 7 of chapter 2001-279 299, Laws of Florida, is amended, and subsection (6) is added to 280 that section, to read:

Section 7. Application for certificate.-

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282 (2)Any person desiring to engage in the business of 283 operating any public vehicle in the county must first acquire a 284 certificate from the commission and must first make written application to the commission on a form provided by the 285 286 commission for that purpose. Upon receipt of such application, 287 the commission shall investigate the facts stated in the 288 application and fix a date, time, and place for a public hearing 289 on the application. Wrecker applications are specifically 290 excluded from the public hearing requirement of this section. 291 Not less than 20 days before the public hearing, the commission 292 shall provide notice of the date, time, and place of such public 293 hearing, to each current certificate holder and notice that the 294 pending application is available for inspection and copying at 295 the office of the commission. Any certificate holder possessing 296 a certificate to operate the same type of service being applied 297 for by the applicant and any certificate holder who can 298 demonstrate financial interest may intervene in the public 299 hearing process by filing a notice of intervention not later 300 than five business days prior to the date of the public hearing 301 and in such form and manner as required by the commission.

(a) Such public hearings may be held by the commission as a whole, by a committee made up of its members appointed by the commission for that purpose, or by a hearing officer as further provided by this act and any rules adopted in accordance with this act. The committee or hearing officer shall report findings and recommendations to the commission for approval, disapproval,

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308 or modification. The commission may conduct such further 309 hearings and make such additional investigations as it deems 310 necessary before taking final action. If the person applying for 311 such certificate is not operating vehicles in the county at the 312 time this act becomes law, or if such application is for a 313 certificate to operate additional vehicles under a certificate 314 previously issued, the commission shall determine, by the 315 hearings and investigations whether or not public convenience 316 and necessity will be promoted by the additional proposed 317 service, and if the commission determines that public 318 convenience and necessity will not be promoted by such 319 additional proposed service, then a certificate shall not be 320 granted. If the commission finds that public convenience and necessity requires such additional proposed service, then the 321 322 certificate shall be granted, subject to the limitations imposed in other sections of this act and any rules adopted in 323 324 accordance with this act.

325 The applicant has the burden of establishing whether (b) 326 public convenience and necessity require the operation of public 327 vehicles proposed in the application. Handicab applications are 328 specifically excluded from the public convenience and necessity 329 requirements of this section. The commission shall establish, by 330 rule, reasonable financial, equipment, and safety requirements 331 for an applicant to be granted a certificate of public need and 332 necessity to operate a handicab in the county.

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333 (c) In making a determination of public convenience and 334 necessity, the commission must consider:

335 1. The adequacy of existing service and other forms of336 transportation for passengers.

337 2. The probable permanence and quality of the service338 offered by the applicant.

339 3. The character of service proposed by the applicant as 340 demonstrated by the proposed use of any two-way voice 341 communications, the proposed use of terminals and private and 342 public hack stands, the time of day and night when service is to 343 be offered, and the proposed number and character of vehicles.

4. The financial status, character, and responsibility of the applicant as demonstrated by the applicant's ability to provide, maintain, and operate the number of vehicles proposed to be operated in accordance with the type of service proposed in the application, the applicant's criminal and traffic record, and the applicant's credit record if any.

350 5. The experience of the applicant in the operation as an
351 owner or manager or as a driver for the type of service
352 proposed.

353 6. Any other facts or circumstances that would indicate354 whether the proposed service is in the public interest.

355 (6) This section does not apply to a transportation
 356 <u>network company or a transportation network company driver.</u>
 357 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 9 of chapter 2001 358 299, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

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359	Section 9. Additional safety and equipment requirements
360	and prohibitions.
361	(2) All marks or identification of each taxicab, wrecker,
362	handicab, and basic life support ambulance public vehicle shall
363	be permanent and clearly legible at all times.
364	Section 5. Sections 10 through 19 of chapter 2001-299,
365	Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2010-272, Laws of
366	Florida, are renumbered as sections 11 through 20, respectively,
367	and a new section 10 is added to that chapter, to read:
368	Section 10. Transportation network company service
369	(1) The commission is authorized to regulate the operation
370	of transportation network company vehicles on the public
371	highways of Hillsborough County and its municipalities in
372	accordance with this section. The commission has exclusive
373	jurisdiction in the exercise of authority provided by this
374	section, and no other public entity within the county may
375	require a person to pay a fee to exercise authority provided by
376	this section. A transportation network company that desires to
377	operate in the county must first acquire a certificate from the
378	commission. The commission shall issue a certificate if a
379	transportation network company:
380	(a) Submits evidence to the commission demonstrating the
381	following:
382	1. Proof of insurance meeting the requirements of
383	subsection (2);

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384	2. Proof that the company maintains a resident agent for
385	service of process in the state; and
386	3. Proof that the company is registered to do business in
387	the state.
388	(b) Pays to the commission an application fee of \$5,000.
389	(2) A transportation network company driver, or a
390	transportation network company on the driver's behalf, must
391	comply with the following insurance requirements:
392	(a) A transportation network company driver, or a
393	transportation network company on the driver's behalf, shall
394	maintain primary automobile insurance that recognizes that the
395	driver is a transportation network company driver or that the
396	driver otherwise uses a transportation network company driver
397	vehicle to transport riders for compensation. Such insurance
398	must cover the driver as required under this section, including
399	while the driver is logged onto the transportation network
400	company's digital network and engaged in a prearranged ride.
401	(b) The following automobile insurance requirements apply
402	while a participating transportation network company driver is
403	logged onto the transportation network company's digital network
404	and is available to receive transportation requests, but is not
405	engaged in a prearranged ride:
406	1. Primary automobile insurance of at least \$50,000 for
407	death and bodily injury per person, \$100,000 for death and
408	bodily injury per incident, and \$25,000 for property damage; and

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409	2. Primary automobile insurance that provides the minimum
410	coverage requirements under ss. 627.730-627.7405, Florida
411	Statutes.
412	(c) While a transportation network company driver is
413	engaged in a prearranged ride, the following automobile
414	insurance requirements apply:
415	1. Primary automobile liability insurance of at least \$1
416	million for death and bodily injury and \$50,000 for property
417	damage.
418	2. Primary automobile liability insurance that provides
419	the minimum coverage requirements for a limousine under ss.
420	627.730-627.7405, Florida Statutes.
421	(d) The coverage requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c)
422	may be satisfied by any of the following:
423	1. Automobile insurance maintained by the transportation
424	network company driver;
425	2. Automobile insurance maintained by the transportation
426	network company; or
427	3. Any combination of subparagraphs 1. and 2.
428	(e) If automobile insurance maintained by a driver under
429	paragraph (b) or paragraph (c) has lapsed or does not provide
430	the required coverage, automobile insurance maintained by a
431	transportation network company must provide the coverage
432	required by this section beginning with the first dollar of a
433	claim and must require that the insurer have the duty to defend
434	such claim in the state.
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435 (f) Coverage under an automobile insurance policy 436 maintained by a transportation network company may not be 437 dependent on a personal automobile liability insurance policy 438 first denying a claim. 439 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, automobile (g) 440 insurance required by this section may be placed with an insurer 441 authorized to do business in the state or with a surplus lines 442 insurer eligible under the Surplus Lines Law under ss. 626.913-443 626.937, Florida Statutes. 444 (h) Automobile insurance satisfying the requirements of 445 this section is deemed to satisfy the financial responsibility 446 requirements for a motor vehicle under chapter 324, Florida 447 Statutes, and the security required under s. 627.733, Florida 448 Statutes. 449 (i) A transportation network company driver shall carry 450 proof of insurance coverage satisfying paragraphs (b) and (c) at 451 all times during his or her use of a transportation network 452 company driver vehicle in connection with a transportation 453 network company's digital network. In the event of an accident: 454 The driver shall provide the insurance coverage 1. 455 information to the directly involved parties, automobile 456 insurers, and investigating police officers. Proof of financial 457 responsibility may be provided through a digital telephone 458 application under s. 316.646, Florida Statutes, controlled by a 459 transportation network company.

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460	2. The driver, upon request, shall disclose to the
461	directly involved parties, automobile insurers, and
462	investigating police officers whether the driver, at the time of
463	the accident, was logged onto the transportation network
464	company's digital network or engaged in a prearranged ride.
465	(j) Before a driver may accept a request for a prearranged
466	ride on the transportation network company's digital network,
467	the transportation network company shall disclose in writing to
468	each transportation network company driver each type of:
469	1. Insurance coverage and the limit for each coverage the
470	transportation network company provides while the driver uses a
471	transportation network company vehicle in connection with a
472	transportation network company's digital network; and
473	2. That the driver's automobile insurance policy,
474	depending on its terms, might not provide any coverage while the
475	driver is logged onto the transportation network company's
476	digital network and is available to receive transportation
477	requests or is engaged in transportation network company
478	service.
479	(k) An insurer that provided personal automobile insurance
480	policies under part XI of chapter 627, Florida Statutes, may
481	exclude from coverage under a policy issued to an owner or
482	operator of a personal vehicle any loss or injury that occurs
483	while a transportation network company driver is logged onto a
484	transportation network company's digital network or while a
485	driver is engaged in a prearranged ride. Such right to exclude
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486	coverage applies to any coverage under an automobile insurance
487	policy, including, but not limited to:
488	1. Liability coverage for bodily injury and property
489	damage.
490	2. Personal injury protection coverage under s. 627.736,
491	Florida Statutes.
492	3. Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage.
493	4. Medical payments coverage.
494	5. Comprehensive physical damage coverage.
495	6. Collision physical damage coverage.
496	(1) The exclusions authorized under paragraph (k) apply
497	notwithstanding any financial responsibility requirements under
498	chapter 324, Florida Statutes. This section does not require or
499	imply that a personal automobile insurance policy provide
500	coverage while the driver is logged onto a transportation
501	network company's digital network, while such driver is engaged
502	in a prearranged ride, or while such driver uses a
503	transportation network company vehicle to transport riders for
504	compensation. This section does not preclude an insurer from
505	providing coverage by contract or endorsement for such driver's
506	vehicle.
507	(m) An insurer that excludes coverage, as authorized under
508	paragraph (k):
509	1. Does not have a duty to defend or indemnify any claim
510	excluded. This section does not invalidate or limit an exclusion

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511	contained in a policy, including any policy in use or approved
512	for use in the state before enactment of this section.
513	2. Has a right of contribution against other insurers that
514	provide automobile insurance to the same driver in satisfaction
515	of coverage requirements of this section at the time of loss if
516	the insurer defends or indemnifies a claim against a driver
517	which is excluded under the terms of its policy.
518	(n) In a claims investigation, a transportation network
519	company and any insurer potentially providing coverage for such
520	claim under this section shall cooperate to facilitate the
521	exchange of relevant information with directly involved parties
522	and insurers of the transportation network company driver, if
523	applicable. Such information must provide:
524	1. The precise times that such driver logged on and off
525	the transportation network company's digital network during the
526	12-hour period immediately before and immediately after the
527	accident.
528	2. A clear description of the coverage, any exclusions,
529	and limits provided under any automobile insurance maintained
530	under this section.
531	(3) Before allowing a person to act as a transportation
532	network company driver on its digital platform, and at least
533	once every year thereafter, a transportation network company
534	shall:
535	(a) Require the person to submit an application to the
536	company, including his or her address, date of birth, driver
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license number, driving history, motor vehicle registration, automobile liability insurance, and other information required by the company. (b) Conduct, or have a third party conduct, a criminal background check for the person, including: 1. A Multi-State/Multi-Jurisdiction Criminal Records Locator or other similar commercial national database with validation. 2. The Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website. (c) Obtain and review a driving history research report for the person. (4) A transportation network company shall prohibit a person from acting as a driver on its digital network if the background check conducted under subsection (3) reveals that the person: (a) Has had more than three moving violations in the preceding 3-year period or one violation of the following in the preceding 3-year period: 1. Fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer; 2. Reckless driving; or 3. Driving with a suspended or revoked license; (b) Has been convicted, within the previous 7 years, of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol; fraud; a sexual offense; use of a motor vehicle to commit a felony; or a crime

562 involving property damage or theft, an act of violence, or an

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563	act of terror;
564	(c) Is a match in the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender
565	Public Website;
566	(d) Does not possess a valid driver license;
567	(e) Does not possess proof of registration for the motor
568	vehicle used to provide transportation network company service;
569	(f) Does not possess proof of automobile liability
570	insurance for the motor vehicle used to provide transportation
571	network company service; or
572	(g) Has not attained the age of 19 years.
573	(5)(a) Within 60 days after beginning service as a
574	transportation network company driver, a transportation network
575	company driver vehicle shall be inspected by a certified
576	automobile mechanic operating in the state. The inspection shall
577	verify that the following components are in safe operating
578	condition:
579	1. Foot brakes.
580	2. Emergency parking brake.
581	3. Suspension/steering mechanism.
582	4. Windshield.
583	5. Rear window and other glass.
584	6. Windshield wipers.
585	7. Headlights.
586	8. Taillights.
587	9. Turn indicator lights.
588	10. Brake lights.

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589	11. Front seat adjustment mechanism.
590	12. Doors (open/close/lock).
591	<u>13. Horn.</u>
592	14. Speedometer.
593	15. Bumpers.
594	16. Muffler and exhaust system.
595	17. Condition of tires, including tread depth.
596	18. Interior and exterior rear view mirrors.
597	19. Safety belts for drivers and passengers.
598	(b) Within 60 days after beginning service, a
599	transportation network driver must submit to a transportation
600	network company with whom the driver is affiliated an inspection
601	form completed within the previous year by a certified mechanic
602	showing that the vehicle has passed the inspection required
603	under paragraph (a).
604	(6)(a) A company may not discriminate against a driver on
605	the basis of race, color, national origin, religious belief or
606	affiliation, sex, disability, age, or sexual orientation. A
607	company shall adopt a policy to assist a driver who reasonably
608	believes that he or she has received a negative rating from a
609	passenger because of his or her race, color, national origin,
610	religious belief or affiliation, sex, disability, age, or sexual
611	orientation.
612	(b) A company shall adopt a policy of nondiscrimination on
613	the basis of destination, race, color, national origin,
614	religious belief or affiliation, sex, disability, age, or sexual
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615 orientation with respect to passengers and potential passengers 616 and shall notify drivers of the policy. A driver shall comply with the nondiscrimination 617 (C) 618 policy. 619 A driver shall comply with all applicable laws (d) 620 relating to the accommodation of service animals. 621 A company may not impose additional charges for (e) 622 providing transportation network company service to persons with 623 physical disabilities because of those disabilities. 624 (7) A transportation network company driver may not: (a) Accept a ride other than a ride arranged through a 625 626 digital network. 627 (b) Solicit or accept street hails. 628 (c) Solicit or accept cash payments from passengers. A 629 company shall adopt a policy prohibiting solicitation or 630 acceptance of cash payments from passengers and notify drivers 631 of such policy. Such policy must require a payment for 632 transportation network company service to be made electronically 633 using the company's digital network or software application 634 service. 635 (8) A transportation network company may collect a fare on 636 behalf of a driver for service provided to a passenger. However, 637 if a fare is collected from a passenger, the company shall 638 disclose to the passenger the fare calculation method on its website or within its software application. The company shall 639 640 also provide the passenger with the applicable rates being Page 25 of 32

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641	charged and the option to receive an estimated fare before the
642	passenger enters the driver's vehicle.
643	(9) A transportation network company's software
644	application service or website shall display a picture of the
645	driver and the license plate number of the motor vehicle used to
646	provide transportation network company service before the
647	passenger enters the driver's vehicle.
648	(10) Within a reasonable period of time, the company shall
649	provide an electronic receipt to the passenger which lists:
650	(a) The origin and destination of the trip.
651	(b) The total time and distance of the trip.
652	(c) An itemization of the total fare paid.
653	(11) A transportation network company shall maintain
654	records relating to transportation network company services in
655	compliance with applicable local, state, and federal laws.
656	(12) (a) If the commission has reasonable cause to believe
657	that a transportation network company driver or transportation
658	network company has violated the requirements of this section,
659	the commission may request records necessary to investigate and
660	resolve the inquiry. The company shall, in a reasonable
661	timeframe, make such records available for inspection at a
662	mutually agreeable location in the county.
663	(b) No more than once a year, the commission is authorized
664	to inspect the records of a transportation network company to
665	verify that the company is in compliance with this section. The
666	inspection shall be on an audit, rather than a comprehensive,

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667	basis. The inspection shall consist of an onsite review of the
668	records maintained by the company which are necessary to
669	evaluate the company's compliance with this section and shall
670	take place at a mutually agreeable location in the county.
671	(13) Notwithstanding section 5 and any other provision of
672	law, transportation network companies, transportation network
673	company drivers, and transportation network company driver
674	vehicles subject to the jurisdiction of this act shall be
675	governed exclusively by this section. The commission may enforce
676	this section within the county, but may not adopt any rules or
677	regulations related to transportation network companies,
678	transportation network company drivers, and transportation
679	network company driver vehicles.
680	(14) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
681	transportation network company driver and transportation network
682	company driver vehicle authorized to operate in any other
683	jurisdiction of the state is authorized to operate in the
684	county, including picking up a rider, dropping off a rider, or
685	conducting a trip between two points within the county.
686	Section <u>11.10.</u> Enforcement.—The commission and law
687	enforcement agencies operating within the county are responsible
688	for the enforcement of this act and any rules adopted in
689	accordance with this act. Commission inspectors may call upon
690	any law enforcement officer within an appropriate jurisdiction
691	to assist in the enforcement of this act and any rules adopted
692	in accordance with this act. The commission may, through any of
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693 its inspectors obtain from the state attorney a warrant or
694 capias for violation of this act or any rule adopted under this
695 act.

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Section <u>12.11.</u> Violation of act; penalty.-

(1) In addition to any other civil penalties contained elsewhere in this act, any person who violates or fails to comply with or who procures, aids, or abets in the violation of any provision of this act or any rules adopted in accordance with this act is guilty of a criminal offense and misdemeanor in accordance with section 775.08, Florida Statutes, and is punishable as provided by law.

704 Any person who operates a public vehicle upon the (2) 705 public highways without a certificate, permit, or public vehicle 706 driver driver's license as provided by this act and any rules 707 adopted in accordance with this act, or who operates a public 708 vehicle using a canceled certificate, or who violates any of the 709 provisions of this act or any rules adopted in accordance with 710 this act may be enjoined by the courts of this state from any 711 such violation.

Section <u>13.12.</u> Citations; administrative hearings; persons
aggrieved or substantially affected.

(1) (a) Whenever evidence has been obtained or received establishing reasonable cause that a violation of this act or rules adopted in accordance with this act is occurring or has occurred, the commission or director or any interim director may

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issue a citation and serve the alleged violator by personalservice or certified mail.

(b) The commission and, if authority has been delegated the director, interim director or hearing officer, may convene administrative hearings to abate, correct or assess civil penalties for a violation for which a citation has been served.

(c) Failure to request an administrative hearing by service of notice of appeal within 20 days after service of a citation shall constitute a waiver thereof, and any such unappealed citation shall become a final administrative decision of the commission by operation of law.

729 Any person aggrieved by an action of commission staff, (2) 730 including the director, any interim director, an inspector, or a 731 hearing officer may appeal to the commission for an 732 administrative hearing by filing within 20 days after the date 733 of the action, a written notice of appeal which shall concisely 734 identify the matter contested and the reasons or grounds 735 therefore. Any notice of appeal shall be filed at the business 736 office of the commission, and an administrative hearing shall be 737 held solely before the commission and in accordance with rules 738 adopted by the commission for that purpose.

(3) Any person aggrieved by a final administrative
decision of the commission or, when delegated, the director,
interim director, or hearing officer, may seek judicial review
in accordance with the Florida Administrative Procedure Act.

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(4) Any person substantially affected by a rule or
proposed rule of the commission may seek an administrative
determination of the invalidity of the rule pursuant to section
120.56, Florida Statutes.

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Section 14.13. Variance and waiver.-

748 (1) A variance and waiver may only be granted at a public 749 meeting upon affirmative vote of 5 members of the commission. 750 Notice of the petition and notice of the disposition of the 751 petition for variance or waiver need not be provided to the 752 Department of State. A copy of the petition and the order 753 granting or denying the petition for variance and waiver need 754 not be filed with the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee. 755 The commission need not file reports with the Governor, 756 President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of 757 Representatives regarding the type and disposition of each 758 petition for variance and waiver. The commission's decision to 759 grant or deny the petition for variance and waiver is not 760 subject to sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes.

(2) Any person aggrieved by a commission decision to grant
or deny a petition for a variance and waiver may seek judicial
review in accordance with the Florida Administrative Procedure
Act.

Section <u>15.14.</u> County responsibility.—The commission and the board shall execute an interlocal agreement that must include the appropriation of a sum of money to the commission to

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768 be negotiated and paid by the board to the commission for a 769 period of 3 years beginning October 1, 2000.

770 Section 16.15. Recodification.-Prior to July 1, 2011, and 771 prior to July 1 every 10 years thereafter or as may otherwise be 772 required by the Legislature or the Hillsborough County 773 Legislative Delegation, the Hillsborough Delegation shall review 774 this act and all acts that amend this act for the purpose of 775 determining whether there is a need for consolidating, 776 compiling, revising, and recodifying such acts. If it is 777 determined there is such a need, the delegation may require the 778 commission to prepare such legislation as may be necessary for 779 that purpose.

Section <u>17.16.</u> Savings clause for rules.—The rules of the commission in effect on the effective date of this act shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed one year from that date to permit the commission sufficient time to revise or repeal its rules in conformance with this act.

Section <u>18.17.</u> Dissolution.-The district may be dissolved
in accordance with the provisions of section 189.4042, Florida
Statutes.

Section <u>19.18.</u> Severance clause.—If any provision of this act or its application is held invalid, it is the legislative intent that the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared severable.

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Section 20.19. Chapters 83-423, 87-496, 88-493, 95-490, and 2000-441, Laws of Florida, are repealed. Such repeal does not affect the prosecution of any cause of action that accrued before the effective date of the repeal and does not affect actions of the Commission prior to the effective date of the repeal.

Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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