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	CHAMBER ACTION
	Senate House
1	Representative Sprowls offered the following:
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3	Amendment (with title amendment)
4	Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
5	Section 1. Section 627.748, Florida Statutes, is created
6	to read:
7	627.748 Transportation network companies
8	(1) DEFINITIONSAs used in this section, the term:
9	(a) "Digital network" means any online-enabled technology
10	application service, website, or system offered or used by a
11	transportation network company which enables the prearrangement
12	of rides with transportation network company drivers.
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13	(b) "Prearranged ride" means the provision of
14	transportation by a TNC driver to a rider, beginning when a TNC
15	driver accepts a ride requested by a rider through a digital
16	network controlled by a transportation network company,
17	continuing while the TNC driver transports the rider, and ending
18	when the last rider exits from and is no longer occupying the
19	TNC vehicle. The term does not include a taxicab, for-hire
20	vehicle, or street hail service and does not include ridesharing
21	as defined in s. 341.031, carpool as defined s. 450.28, or any
22	other type of service in which the driver receives a fee that
23	does not exceed the driver's cost to provide the ride.
24	(c) "Rider" means an individual who uses a digital network
25	to connect with a TNC driver in order to obtain a prearranged
26	ride in the TNC driver's TNC vehicle between points chosen by
27	the rider. A person may use a digital network to request a
28	prearranged ride on behalf of a rider.
29	(d) "Street hail" means an immediate arrangement on a
30	street with a driver by a person using any method other than a
31	digital network to seek immediate transportation.
32	(e) "Transportation network company" or "TNC" means an
33	entity operating in this state pursuant to this section using a
34	digital network to connect a rider to a TNC driver, who provides
35	prearranged rides. A TNC is not deemed to own, control, operate,
36	direct, or manage the TNC vehicles or TNC drivers that connect
37	to its digital network, except where agreed to by written
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63 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a vehicle that is 64 let or rented to another for consideration may be used as a TNC 65 vehicle. 66 (2) NOT OTHER CARRIERS.-A TNC or TNC driver is not a common carrier, contract carrier, or motor carrier and does not 67 68 provide taxicab or for-hire vehicle service. In addition, a TNC driver is not required to register the vehicle that the TNC 69 70 driver uses to provide prearranged rides as a commercial motor 71 vehicle or a for-hire vehicle. 72 (3) AGENT.-A TNC must designate and maintain an agent for 73 service of process in this state. 74 (4) FARE TRANSPARENCY.-If a fare is collected from a 75 rider, the TNC must disclose to the rider the fare or fare 76 calculation method on its website or within the online-enabled 77 technology application service before the beginning of the 78 prearranged ride. If the fare is not disclosed to the rider 79 before the beginning of the prearranged ride, the rider must have the option to receive an estimated fare before the 80 beginning of the prearranged ride. 81 82 (5) IDENTIFICATION OF TNC VEHICLES AND DRIVERS.-The TNC's 83 digital network must display a photograph of the TNC driver and 84 the license plate number of the TNC vehicle used for providing 85 the prearranged ride before the rider enters the TNC driver's 86 vehicle.

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87	(6) ELECTRONIC RECEIPTWithin a reasonable period after
88	the completion of a ride, a TNC shall transmit an electronic
89	receipt to the rider on behalf of the TNC driver which lists:
90	(a) The origin and destination of the ride;
91	(b) The total time and distance of the ride; and
92	(c) The total fare paid.
93	(7) TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY AND TNC DRIVER
94	INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
95	(a) Beginning July 1, 2017, a TNC driver or a TNC on
96	behalf of the TNC driver shall maintain primary automobile
97	insurance that:
98	1. Recognizes that the TNC driver is a TNC driver or
99	otherwise uses a vehicle to transport riders for compensation;
100	and
101	2. Covers the TNC driver while the TNC driver is logged on
102	to the digital network of the TNC or while the TNC driver is
103	engaged in a prearranged ride.
104	(b) The following automobile insurance requirements apply
105	while a participating TNC driver is logged on to the digital
106	network but is not engaged in a prearranged ride:
107	1. Automobile insurance that provides:
108	a. A primary automobile liability coverage of at least
109	\$50,000 for death and bodily injury per person, \$100,000 for
110	death and bodily injury per incident, and \$25,000 for property
111	damage;
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112	b Devected injury protection benefits that must the
	b. Personal injury protection benefits that meet the
113	minimum coverage amounts required under ss. 627.730-627.7405;
114	and
115	c. Uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage as required
116	by s. 627.727.
117	2. The coverage requirements of this paragraph may be
118	satisfied by any of the following:
119	a. Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC driver;
120	b. Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC; or
121	c. A combination of sub-subparagraphs a. and b.
122	(c) The following automobile insurance requirements apply
123	while a TNC driver is engaged in a prearranged ride:
124	1. Automobile insurance that provides:
125	a. A primary automobile liability coverage of at least \$1
126	million for death, bodily injury, and property damage;
127	b. Personal injury protection benefits that meet the
128	minimum coverage amounts required of a limousine under ss.
129	627.730-627.7405; and
130	c. Uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage as required
131	by s. 627.727.
132	2. The coverage requirements of this paragraph may be
133	satisfied by any of the following:
134	a. Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC driver;
135	b. Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC; or
136	c. A combination of sub-subparagraphs a. and b.
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137	(d) If the TNC driver's insurance under paragraph (b) or
138	paragraph (c) has lapsed or does not provide the required
139	coverage, the insurance maintained by the TNC must provide the
140	coverage required under this subsection, beginning with the
141	first dollar of a claim, and have the duty to defend such claim.
142	(e) Coverage under an automobile insurance policy
143	maintained by the TNC must not be dependent on a personal
144	automobile insurer first denying a claim, and a personal
145	automobile insurance policy is not required to first deny a
146	claim.
147	(f) Insurance required under this subsection must be
148	provided by an insurer authorized to do business in this state
149	which is a member of the Florida Insurance Guaranty Association
150	or an eligible surplus lines insurer that has a superior,
151	excellent, exceptional, or equivalent financial strength rating
152	by a rating agency acceptable to the Office of Insurance
153	Regulation of the Financial Services Commission.
154	(g) Insurance satisfying the requirements under this
155	subsection is deemed to satisfy the financial responsibility
156	requirement for a motor vehicle under chapter 324 and the
157	security required under s. 627.733 for any period when the TNC
158	driver is logged onto the digital network or engaged in a
159	prearranged ride.
160	(h) A TNC driver shall carry proof of coverage satisfying
161	paragraphs (b) and (c) with him or her at all times during his
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162	or her use of a TNC vehicle in connection with a digital
163	network. In the event of an accident, a TNC driver shall provide
164	this insurance coverage information to any party directly
165	involved in the accident or the party's designated
166	representative, automobile insurers, and investigating police
167	officers. Proof of financial responsibility may be presented
168	through an electronic device, such as a digital phone
169	application, under s. 316.646. Upon request, a TNC driver shall
170	also disclose to any party directly involved in the accident or
171	the party's designated representative, automobile insurers, and
172	investigating police officers whether he or she was logged on to
173	a digital network or was engaged in a prearranged ride at the
174	time of the accident.
175	(i) If a TNC's insurer makes a payment for a claim covered
176	under comprehensive coverage or collision coverage, the TNC
177	shall cause its insurer to issue the payment directly to the
178	business repairing the vehicle or jointly to the owner of the
179	vehicle and the primary lienholder on the covered vehicle.
180	(8) TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY AND INSURER;
181	DISCLOSURE; EXCLUSIONS
182	(a) Before a TNC driver is allowed to accept a request for
183	a prearranged ride on the digital network, the TNC must disclose
184	in writing to the TNC driver:
185	1. The insurance coverage, including the types of coverage
186	and the limits for each coverage, which the TNC provides while
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187	the TNC driver uses a TNC vehicle in connection with the TNC's
188	digital network.
189	2. That the TNC driver's own automobile insurance policy
190	might not provide any coverage while the TNC driver is logged on
191	to the digital network or is engaged in a prearranged ride,
192	depending on the terms of the TNC driver's own automobile
193	insurance policy.
194	3. That the provision of rides for compensation which are
195	not prearranged rides subjects the driver to the coverage
196	requirements imposed under s. 324.032(1) and that failure to
197	meet such coverage requirements subjects the TNC driver to
198	penalties provided in s. 324.221, up to and including a
199	misdemeanor of the second degree.
200	(b)1. An insurer that provides an automobile liability
201	insurance policy under part XI of chapter 627 may exclude any
202	and all coverage afforded under the policy issued to an owner or
203	operator of a TNC vehicle while driving that vehicle for any
204	loss or injury that occurs while a TNC driver is logged on to a
205	digital network or while a TNC driver provides a prearranged
206	ride. Exclusions imposed under this subsection are limited to
207	coverage while a TNC driver is logged on to a digital network or
208	while a TNC driver provides a prearranged ride. This right to
209	exclude all coverage may apply to any coverage included in an
210	automobile insurance policy, including, but not limited to:

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211	a. Liability coverage for bodily injury and property
212	damage;
213	b. Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage;
214	c. Medical payments coverage;
215	d. Comprehensive physical damage coverage;
216	e. Collision physical damage coverage; and
217	f. Personal injury protection.
218	2. The exclusions described in subparagraph 1. apply
219	notwithstanding any requirement under chapter 324. These
220	exclusions do not affect or diminish coverage otherwise
221	available for permissive drivers or resident relatives under the
222	personal automobile insurance policy of the TNC driver or owner
223	of the TNC vehicle who are not occupying the TNC vehicle at the
224	time of loss. This section does not require that a personal
225	automobile insurance policy provide coverage while the TNC
226	driver is logged on to a digital network, while the TNC driver
227	is engaged in a prearranged ride, or while the TNC driver
228	otherwise uses a vehicle to transport riders for compensation.
229	3. This section must not be construed to require an
230	insurer to use any particular policy language or reference to
231	this section in order to exclude any and all coverage for any
232	loss or injury that occurs while a TNC driver is logged on to a
233	digital network or while a TNC driver provides a prearranged
234	ride.

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235	4. This section does not preclude an insurer from
236	providing primary or excess coverage for the TNC driver's
237	vehicle by contract or endorsement.
238	(c)1. An automobile insurer that excludes the coverage
239	described in subparagraph (b)1. does not have a duty to defend
240	or indemnify any claim expressly excluded thereunder. This
241	section does not invalidate or limit an exclusion contained in a
242	policy, including a policy in use or approved for use in this
243	state before July 1, 2017, which excludes coverage for vehicles
244	used to carry persons or property for a charge or available for
245	hire by the public.
246	2. An automobile insurer that defends or indemnifies a
247	claim against a TNC driver which is excluded under the terms of
248	its policy has a right of contribution against other insurers
249	that provide automobile insurance to the same TNC driver in
250	satisfaction of the coverage requirements of subsection (7) at
251	the time of loss.
252	(d) In a claims coverage investigation, a TNC shall
253	immediately provide, upon request by a directly involved party
254	or any insurer of the TNC driver, if applicable, the precise
255	times that the TNC driver logged on and off the digital network
256	in the 12-hour period immediately preceding and in the 12-hour
257	period immediately following the accident. An insurer providing
258	coverage under subsection (7) shall disclose, upon request by
259	any other insurer involved in the particular claim, the
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260	applicable coverages, exclusions, and limits provided under any
261	automobile insurance maintained in order to satisfy the
262	requirements of subsection (7).
263	(9) LIMITATION ON TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIESA TNC
264	driver is an independent contractor and not an employee of the
265	TNC if all of the following conditions are met:
266	(a) The TNC does not unilaterally prescribe specific hours
267	during which the TNC driver must be logged on to the TNC's
268	digital network.
269	(b) The TNC does not prohibit the TNC driver from using
270	digital networks from other TNCs.
271	(c) The TNC does not restrict the TNC driver from engaging
272	in any other occupation or business.
273	(d) The TNC and TNC driver agree in writing that the TNC
274	driver is an independent contractor with respect to the TNC.
275	(10) ZERO TOLERANCE FOR DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE
276	(a) The TNC shall implement a zero-tolerance policy
277	regarding a TNC driver's activities while accessing the TNC's
278	digital network. The zero-tolerance policy must address the use
279	of drugs or alcohol while a TNC driver is providing a
280	prearranged ride or is logged on to the digital network.
281	(b) The TNC shall provide notice of this policy on its
282	website, as well as procedures to report a complaint about a TNC
283	driver who a rider reasonably suspects was under the influence
284	of drugs or alcohol during the course of the ride.
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285	(c) Upon receipt of a rider's complaint alleging a
286	violation of the zero-tolerance policy, the TNC shall suspend a
287	TNC driver's ability to accept any ride request through the
288	TNC's digital network as soon as possible and shall conduct an
289	investigation into the reported incident. The suspension must
290	last the duration of the investigation.
291	(11) TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY DRIVER REQUIREMENTS
292	(a) Before an individual is authorized to accept a ride
293	request through a digital network:
294	1. The individual must submit an application to the TNC
295	which includes information regarding his or her address, age,
296	driver license, motor vehicle registration, and other
297	information required by the TNC;
298	2. The TNC must conduct, or have a third party conduct, a
299	local and national criminal background check that includes:
300	a. A search of the Multi-State/Multi-Jurisdiction Criminal
301	Records Locator or other similar commercial nationwide database
302	with validation of any records through primary source search;
303	and
304	b. A search of the National Sex Offender Public Website
305	maintained by the United States Department of Justice; and
306	3. The TNC must obtain and review, or have a third party
307	obtain and review, a driving history research report for the
308	applicant.
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309	(b) The TNC shall conduct the background check required
310	under paragraph (a) for a TNC driver every 3 years.
311	(c) The TNC may not authorize an individual to act as a
312	TNC driver on its digital network if the driving history
313	research report conducted when the individual first seeks access
314	to the digital network reveals that the individual has had more
315	than three moving violations in the prior 3-year period.
316	(d) The TNC may not authorize an individual to act as a
317	TNC driver on its digital network if the background check
318	conducted when the individual first seeks access to the digital
319	network or any subsequent background check required under
320	paragraph (b) reveals that the individual:
321	1. Has been convicted, within the past 5 years, of:
322	a. A felony;
323	b. A misdemeanor for driving under the influence of drugs
324	or alcohol, for reckless driving, for hit and run, or for
325	fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer; or
326	c. A misdemeanor for a violent offense or sexual battery,
327	or a crime of lewdness or indecent exposure under chapter 800;
328	2. Has been convicted, within the past 3 years, of driving
329	with a suspended or revoked license;
330	3. Is a match in the National Sex Offender Public Website
331	maintained by the United States Department of Justice;
332	4. Does not possess a valid driver license; or
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333	5. Does not possess proof of registration for the motor
334	vehicle used to provide prearranged rides.
335	(e) No later than January 1 of every other year beginning
336	in 2019, a TNC shall submit to the Department of Financial
337	Services an examination report prepared by an independent
338	certified public accountant for the sole purpose of verifying
339	that the TNC has maintained compliance with subsection (8) and
340	this subsection on a continual basis for either the preceding 2
341	years or for the timeframe that the TNC has been operating in
342	this state if that timeframe is less than 2 years. The report
343	shall expressly state whether the TNC was compliant or
344	noncompliant. The report must be prepared in accordance with
345	applicable attestation standards established by the American
346	Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The TNC shall bear
347	all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the
348	report.
349	(f) The Department of Financial Services, within 30 days
350	after receipt of the report required under paragraph (e), shall
351	impose a fine of \$10,000 if the report includes a finding that
352	the TNC has been noncompliant with subsection (8), this
353	subsection, or both. A TNC that has been found to be
354	noncompliant shall submit another examination report prepared by
355	an independent certified public accountant to the department no
356	later than January 1 of the following year. This subsequent
357	report shall evaluate the records of the TNC for the timeframe
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358	since the independent certified public accountant last reviewed
359	the records of the TNC to determine whether the TNC has been
360	compliant with subsection (8), this subsection, or both on a
361	continual basis. The department, within 30 days after receipt of
362	the subsequent report required by this paragraph, shall impose a
363	fine of \$20,000 if the subsequent report includes a finding that
364	the TNC has been noncompliant with subsection (8), this
365	subsection, or both. Failure to timely submit any report
366	required under this paragraph shall result in the imposition of
367	an additional fine of \$10,000 for noncompliance. Any fine
368	imposed by the department shall be payable within 21 days after
369	receipt of notice from the department. The moneys so received
370	may be deposited by the department for use in defraying the
371	expenses of the department in the discharge of its
372	administrative and regulatory duties under this subsection. The
373	payment of the fine shall be stayed by the filing of a petition
374	for an administrative proceeding pursuant to chapter 120 with
375	the department's agency clerk. Failure to timely petition will
376	waive any rights to an administrative hearing. The department
377	may, pursuant to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, seek
378	injunctive relief against a TNC that fails to comply with the
379	requirements of paragraph (e) and this paragraph. The department
380	may adopt rules to implement paragraph (e) and this paragraph.

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381	(g) Unless otherwise explicitly provided, this subsection
382	does not extinguish any claim otherwise available under common
383	law or any other statute.
384	(12) PROHIBITED CONDUCT
385	(a) A TNC driver may not accept a ride for compensation
386	other than by a rider arranged through a digital network.
387	(b) A TNC driver may not solicit or accept street hails.
388	(c) A TNC may not alter the presentation of information on
389	its digital network to an enforcement official for the purpose
390	of thwarting or interfering with the official's enforcement or
391	oversight of the TNC.
392	(13) NONDISCRIMINATION; ACCESSIBILITY
393	(a) A TNC shall adopt a policy of nondiscrimination with
394	respect to riders and potential riders and shall notify TNC
395	drivers of such policy.
396	(b) A TNC driver shall comply with the TNC's
397	nondiscrimination policy.
398	(c) A TNC driver shall comply with all applicable laws
399	regarding nondiscrimination against riders and potential riders.
400	(d) A TNC driver shall comply with all applicable laws
401	relating to accommodation of service animals.
402	(e) A TNC may not impose additional charges for providing
403	services to a person who has a physical disability because of
404	the person's disability.
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405	(f) A TNC that contracts with a governmental entity to
406	provide paratransit services must comply with all applicable
407	state and federal laws related to individuals with disabilities.
408	(g) A TNC shall reevaluate any decision to remove a TNC
409	driver's authorization to access its digital network due to a
410	low quality rating by riders if the TNC driver alleges that the
411	low quality rating was because of a characteristic identified in
412	the company's nondiscrimination policy and there is a plausible
413	basis for such allegation.
414	(14) RECORDSA TNC shall maintain the following records:
415	(a) Individual ride records for at least 1 year after the
416	date on which each ride is provided; and
417	(b) Individual records of TNC drivers for at least 1 year
418	after the date on which the TNC driver's relationship with the
419	TNC ends.
420	(15) PREEMPTION
421	(a) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide for
422	uniformity of laws governing TNCs, TNC drivers, and TNC vehicles
423	throughout the state. TNCs, TNC drivers, and TNC vehicles are
424	governed exclusively by state law, including in any locality or
425	other jurisdiction that enacted a law or created rules governing
426	TNCs, TNC drivers, or TNC vehicles before July 1, 2017. A
427	county, municipality, special district, airport authority, port
428	authority, or other local governmental entity or subdivision may
429	not:
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430	1. Impose a tax on, or require a license for, a TNC, a TNC
431	driver, or a TNC vehicle if such tax or license relates to
432	providing prearranged rides;
433	2. Subject a TNC, a TNC driver, or a TNC vehicle to any
434	rate, entry, operation, or other requirement of the county,
435	municipality, special district, airport authority, port
436	authority, or other local governmental entity or subdivision; or
437	3. Require a TNC or a TNC driver to obtain a business
438	license or any other type of similar authorization to operate
439	within the local governmental entity's jurisdiction.
440	(b) This subsection does not prohibit an airport or
441	seaport from charging reasonable pickup fees consistent with any
442	pickup fees charged to taxicab companies at that airport or
443	seaport for their use of the airport's or seaport's facilities
444	or prohibit the airport or seaport from designating locations
445	for staging, pickup, and other similar operations at the airport
446	or seaport.
447	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.
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450	TITLE AMENDMENT
451	Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
452	A bill to be entitled
453	An act relating to transportation network companies;
454	creating s. 627.748, F.S.; defining terms; providing
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455 for construction; providing that a transportation 456 network company (TNC) driver is not required to 457 register certain vehicles as commercial motor vehicles 458 or for-hire vehicles; requiring a TNC to designate and 459 maintain an agent for service of process in this 460 state; providing fare requirements; providing 461 requirements for a TNC's digital network; providing 462 for an electronic receipt, subject to certain requirements; providing automobile insurance 463 464 requirements for a TNC and a TNC driver; providing 465 requirements for specified proof of coverage for a TNC 466 driver under certain circumstances; providing certain 467 disclosure requirements for a TNC driver in the event 468 of an accident; requiring a TNC to cause its insurer 469 to issue certain payments directly to certain parties; 470 requiring a TNC to make specified disclosures in 471 writing to TNC drivers under certain circumstances; 472 authorizing specified insurers to exclude certain 473 coverage, subject to certain limitations; providing 474 that the right to exclude coverage applies to any 475 coverage included in an automobile insurance policy; 476 providing applicability; providing for construction; providing that specified automobile insurers have a 477 478 right of contribution against other insurers that 479 provide automobile insurance to the same TNC drivers 848583

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480 in satisfaction of certain coverage requirements under 481 certain circumstances; requiring a TNC to provide 482 specified information upon request by certain parties 483 during a claims coverage investigation; requiring 484 certain insurers to disclose specified information 485 upon request by any other insurer involved in the 486 particular claim; providing that TNC drivers are 487 independent contractors if specified conditions are 488 met; requiring a TNC to implement a zero-tolerance 489 policy for drug or alcohol use, subject to certain 490 requirements; providing TNC driver requirements; 491 requiring a TNC to conduct a certain background check 492 for a TNC driver after a specified period; requiring a 493 TNC to submit an examination report prepared by a 494 certified public accountant to the Department of 495 Financial Services to verify certain compliance; 496 authorizing the department to impose specified fines 497 for noncompliance; providing applicability; 498 prohibiting a TNC driver from accepting certain rides 499 or soliciting or accepting street hails; prohibiting a 500 TNC from altering presentation of information on its 501 digital network to an enforcement official; requiring a TNC to adopt a policy of nondiscrimination with 502 503 respect to riders and potential riders and to notify TNC drivers of such policy; requiring TNC drivers to 504 848583

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505 comply with the nondiscrimination policy and certain 506 applicable laws regarding nondiscrimination and 507 accommodation of service animals; prohibiting a TNC 508 from imposing additional charges for providing 509 services to persons who have physical disabilities; 510 requiring a TNC that contracts with a governmental 511 entity to provide paratransit services to comply with 512 certain state and federal laws; requiring a TNC to reevaluate a decision to remove a TNC driver's 513 514 authorization to access its digital network in certain 515 instances; requiring a TNC to maintain specified 516 records; providing legislative intent; specifying that 517 TNCs, TNC drivers, and TNC vehicles are governed 518 exclusively by state law; prohibiting local 519 governmental entities and subdivisions from taking 520 specified actions; providing applicability; providing 521 an effective date.

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